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SOLDIERS from across the county have been honoured for their dedication and bravery on the battlefield.

Seven members of Kent's county regiment The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment (PWRR) were included on the British Armed Forces' latest Operational Awards List, while a further 11 from the Folkestone-based Queen's Gurkha Rifles were also recognised.

Among the recipients was 32-year-old Acting Warrant Officer Class 2 John Lester, who was decorated with the Queen's Gallantry Medal for his part in a two-day bomb disposal exercise earlier this year in Afghanistan.

A/WO2 Lester serves with the 11th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, which is based at Shorncliffe Barracks in Folkestone.

His role in the January operation,

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

which took place in the south of Gereshk in Helmand Province, involved him successfully defusing more than 20 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) planted by the Taliban to stop the Afghan National Army setting up checkpoints in the area.

A/WO Lester told Kent on Sunday: "The Afghan Army is moving towards being in complete control out there so there were a lot of eyes on us, but the pressure is relative."

Threat

"No amount of pressure will lead me to put myself or my colleagues at unnecessary risk. It was certainly a very different operation to what I'm used to, but it was all part of my job."

"IEDs pose a very significant threat to us out in Afghanistan, but we are dealing with them in the best possible way."

"What gets put in the media is often the negative aspect of when things go wrong with them, but there are also a lot of suc-

cessful operations people don't normally get to hear about."

"It was very nice to be recognised with the Queen's Gallantry Medal though, and it certainly brought a smile to my face."

"It's always good for to people to recognise the sacrifices we are making, even if it's just through a handshake or a letter."

Introduced in 1974, the Queen's Gallantry Medal recognises acts of bravery of a slightly lower level than that required for the George Cross and the George Medal.

This week the honour was also bestowed upon Warrant Officer Class 2 Colin Grant, 38, who is also based at Shorncliffe.

WO2 Grant, who this week helped defuse a 600lb bomb on the Northern Irish border, was recognised for tackling more than 60 IEDs during a six-month tour of Afghanistan.

WO2 Grant said: "It's hard to describe the feeling. You never expect to be recognised in this way but it is very rewarding and I'm thrilled."

"It's really recognition of the work of all

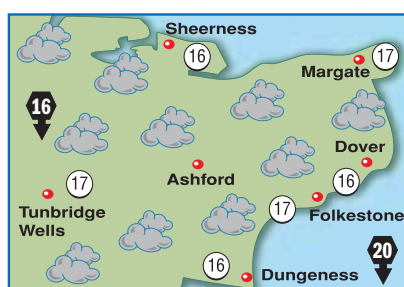
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Kent today



TODAY: A cooler day than recently and mostly cloudy. The odd spot of drizzle is likely at times too. The best of any sunshine will be late in the day. Fresh northerly winds. Max temp 15-18C (59-64F).

TONIGHT: Dry with variable cloud and clear intervals. Brisk northeasterly winds. Min temp 10-13C (50-55F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	15	59	London	cloudy	19	66
Belfast	fair	17	63	Liverpool	fair	19	66
Birmingham	cloudy	17	63	Manchester	cloudy	17	63
B'mouth	fair	19	66	Newcastle	cloudy	14	57
Bristol	fair	17	63	Norwich	cloudy	17	63
Cardiff	fair	18	64	Oxford	fair	17	63
Cork	sun	19	66	Southsea	fair	20	68
Edinburgh	fair	17	63	S'hampton	fair	18	64
Glasgow	fair	19	66	Southport	fair	18	64
Isle of Man	fair	17	63	Swansea	fair	19	66
Leeds	cloudy	14	57	Torquay	sun	18	64

Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.27am	Sunset	7.14pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	—	Moonsset	4.34pm	7.14pm to 6.28am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	05.33 5.5 18.18 5.4	07.19 5.4 20.09 5.5
Margate	06.24 3.9 19.12 3.9	08.05 3.8 20.56 3.9
St Mary's	11.40 4.4 —	00.38 4.3 13.24 4.5

Week ahead

monday Mostly dull. max 19C min 12C	thursday Dull and damp. max 17C min 11C
tuesday Sunny spells. max 19C min 11C	friday Cloudy. Dry. max 19C min 11C
wednesday Showers. max 18C min 11C	saturday Cloudy. Dry. max 19C min 11C

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'UK has bravest military in world'

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the other operators as well.

"They are doing a wonderful job, taking unreal personal risks to ensure the safety of their colleagues and civilians."

A number of Kent-based soldiers were also this week awarded with the Military Cross – the third highest military decoration.

These include PWRR members WO2 Benjamin Kelly, Sgt Torben Sorensen and L/Cpl Colin Spooner, and L/Cpl Gajendra Rai of The Royal Gurkha Rifles.

A large number of troops were also recognised with the Mention in Despatches award and the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service.

Following the announcement of the awards, Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth praised the recipients.

He said: "The stories of gallantry and heroism behind many of these honours and awards are nothing short of astounding."

"Reading through the citations serves as a reminder, were it needed, that the UK



Acting Warrant Officer Class 2 John Lester

really does have the bravest, most professional military in the world.

"The servicemen and women recognised today are not just the pride of the British Armed Forces, they are the pride of Britain."

KENT'S HONoured SOLDIERS

MILITARY CROSS

WO2 Benjamin Kelly – PWRR
L/Cpl Gajendra Rai – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Sgt Torben Sorensen – PWRR
L/Cpl Colin Spooner – PWRR

QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDAL

WO2 Colin Grant – Royal Logistic Corps
A/WO2 John Lester – Royal Logistic Corps

MENTION IN DESPATCHES

Cpt Rupert Anderson – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Cpt Alex Burgess – PWRR
Rifleman Darshan Chamling Rai – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Maj Ross Daines – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Rifleman Manju Gurung – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Lt Edward Hunter – PWRR
Cpl Basanta Rai – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Sgt Bikash Rai – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Cpl Bishwahang Rai – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Rifleman Gopang Rai – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Lt Drew Reed – PWRR
Cpt Thomas Rose – Royal Gurkha Rifles
Second Lt Miles Watt – PWRR

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE

Lt Col Christopher Darby – Royal Gurkha Rifles

'Bloodgate' doctor could face a GMC investigation

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A DOCTOR caught up in rugby's 'bloodgate' scandal could yet be investigated by the General Medical Council.

The regulatory body confirmed this week that it had contacted the European Rugby Cup and requested information about Wendy Chapman's role in the controversy, which has sent shockwaves through the game and damaged its reputation.

Dr Chapman, who is employed as an A&E consultant at Maidstone Hospital, is alleged to have used a scalpel to deliberately cut Harlequins player Tom Williams' mouth after he faked a blood injury in a match earlier this year.



PHONEY: Tom Williams used a blood capsule to fake an injury during a rugby cup match

A GMC spokesman said: "We can confirm that we have sought information from the ERC in relation to Dr Wendy Chapman."

"I cannot say if that will lead to an investigation or not."

The original ERC hearing into the incident cleared the 46-year-old of misconduct, although the board has since reserved the right

to take further action against her following claims made by Williams that he was cut by her at his request.

The GMC has the power to strike Dr Chapman, from Sevenoaks, off the doctors' register and remove her right to practice medicine. She could also face disciplinary action from the Rugby Football Union, depending on the findings of the ERC.

In light of the development, a spokesman for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust would not disclose whether or not Dr Chapman was actively working at the hospital. However, he did confirm she was still employed there.

The so-called bloodgate scandal relates to Harlequins' Heineken Cup clash with the Irish side Leinster on April 12, when Williams broke a blood capsule in his mouth in order that his team could make a tactical substitution.

It has resulted in a four-month ban for the winger, as well as a three-year suspension for former director of rugby Dean Richards and a two-year suspension for physiotherapist Steph Brennan.

Williams told the ERC panel during his successful appeal against a one-year ban that he asked Dr Chapman to cut his lip when Leinster's club doctor became suspicious about the supposed injury.

He said: "Wendy was initially too gentle, and needed to try again to open a cut. There was no need for stitches as it was a clean cut."

"She did not want to hurt me at all and she was clearly uncomfortable at opening a cut on my lip."

"We both acted in the heat of the moment."

The Medical Defence Union, which is representing Dr Chapman, declined to comment.

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Shoppers must beware internet fraud dangers

ONLINE criminals have attempted to steal almost £5 million of goods from Kent's internet shoppers over the last year, writes Steve Knight.

In the 12 months leading up to August, there were just under 16,000 'bad transactions' identified across the county by fraud analysers. The majority of frauds take place when criminals use cardholders' details to order goods from websites, but the figures also include items ordered over the phone and by mail order.

According to the figures, the most at-risk region by far is the DA18 (Erith Marshes and Thamesmead) postcode area of Bexley, where more than a quarter of 13,953 transactions were fraudulent. This amounted to more than £750,000.

Sophisticated

The shockingly high figure places the area 10th in a league table of the most fraudulent locations in the UK, compiled by fraud prevention service The 3rd Man. Company director Andrew Goodwill told Kent on Sunday he expected online crime to grow at the same pace as internet shopping does.

He said: "Our records show that last year shoppers spent £46 billion nationally in 'card not present' transactions, which is good news because it shows people have confidence in buying goods online."

"But wherever the marketplace grows then so too will fraud because the internet is an easy place to commit crimes. That's not to say it's not a safe place to shop, but people have to do it responsibly."

"People who commit online fraud are often very sophisticated and clever. I wouldn't say

NET LOSS - KENT COUNTS THE COST

Location	Total	Fraudulent
Bexley	£36,706,327	£2,130,935
Bromley	£74,401,889	£422,190
Medway	£39,593,820	£604,736
Canterbury	£21,700,000	£319,350
Dartford	£20,588,033	£278,044
Thanet	£16,275,060	£210,852
Gravesham	£14,629,749	£182,822
Dover	£12,551,919	£170,173
Tonbridge & Malling	£22,447,186	£96,752
Maidstone	£24,351,858	£71,375
Tunbridge Wells	£20,013,743	£53,132
Swale	£18,722,169	£35,338
Sevenoaks	£24,693,334	£31,005
Shepway	£11,997,547	£28,349
Ashford	£16,575,193	£27,691
TOTAL	£375,247,827	£4,662,744

we struggle to keep up with them, but we do struggle to keep in front of them."

In terms of the total amount targeted by fraudsters in Kent, the DA8 postcode area (Erith, Northumberland Heath and Slade Green) tops the list at £825,919, although that was only 5.63 per cent of the cash that changed hands.

Next is DA18, followed by DA17 (Belvedere and Lesseneath Heath in Bexley) at £340,227 (5.29 per cent).

The most at-risk areas outside of Bexley were both in the Medway towns, with resi-

dents in Chatham and Strood having £180,680 (1.31 per cent) and £215,323 (one per cent) targeted respectively.

However, a large number of locations had fewer than 10 bad transactions in a year, with the ME9 area of Sittingbourne having just two, at a combined cost of £217.

Mr Goodwill said: "We carried out this study to set a benchmark for ourselves because the only other fraud figures out there come from the banks and do not include attempted frauds."

"We don't know how many of the bad transactions went through successfully but I would suggest at least 50 per cent. All we can do is provide retailers with the information. It's up to them what they do with it."

Security

"Most big companies are fine and know how to protect their customers, but there are still lots of smaller firms that haven't started trading online yet."

According to Kent Police, the internet is unlikely to be the source of 'card not present' fraud. The force's website states: "The internet is very safe to use if you take the right precautions."

Det Insp Mark Fairhurst, of the serious economic crime unit, said: "As shopping online has become more common so has fraud, so it's important to warn internet users of the dangers."

"Stick to main brands when buying goods and always check for the security icon when typing in your bank details. If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. If you're in any doubt, don't go ahead with the transaction. Being warned of the dangers should ensure people can use internet shopping without becoming victims of crime."

Biggs and bomber release comments by MP 'offensive'

MICHAEL Howard MP has been labelled "extremely offensive" for suggesting the prison releases of Ronnie Biggs and the Lockerbie bomber were connected.

The former Tory leader, who represents Folkestone and Hythe, wrote to Justice Secretary Jack Straw after train robber Biggs and Libyan Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi were freed on compassionate grounds.

He wrote that Mr Straw's decision to overturn an original ruling that Biggs should not be freed made it appear he changed his mind when he learned the Scottish government was about to release al-Megrahi.

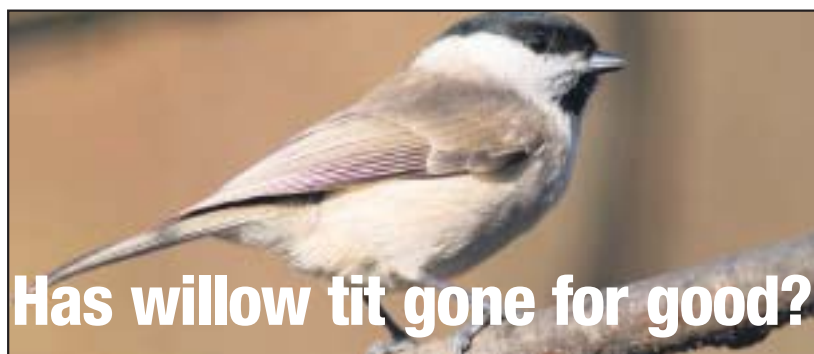
However, a spokesman told the BBC: "Megrahi was released by the Scottish executive. That was their decision and their decision alone."

"There is no connection at all between the two cases. The suggestions being made by Mr Howard are ridiculous, entirely without foundation and extremely offensive."

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For our series on great days out in Kent, Julie Maddocks visits the magnificently restored Coastal Park in Folkestone



Has willow tit gone for good?

THE changing face of Kent's countryside could be to blame for the disappearance of a once common garden bird.

Ornithologists believe the willow tit, pictured above, may have died out in the county due to a lack of nesting sites and competition from other breeds.

The 55th annual Kent Bird Report, published this week, revealed for the first time ever there were no records of the bird.

Brendan Ryan, vice-chairman of the Kent Ornithological Society, said: "Thirty years ago I'd see them all the time, but I've not seen one since the early 1990s."

"Once a species is gone, it's gone for ever. They rarely come back. It's a sign of the increasing pressures on habitat. The coun-

tryside is being tidied up and all those little bits of rough ground that were ideal for wildlife aren't there any more."

"There'll be other birds going the same way. Breeds that were once very common are now scarce. It's a national problem."

Mr Ryan listed the wryneck and the red-backed shrike as other once-common birds that have also died out in Kent, and warned that the spotted flycatcher and yellow wagtail might soon follow.

He said: "The level of decline is phenomenal, but Kent is also attracting new breeds too, so it's not all bad news. Our latest report recorded the first sighting of a zitting cisticola, which is spreading from southern Europe and seems destined to colonise the county."

■ WOULD-BE rock stars will get a taste of life on the road tomorrow when University Centre Folkestone hosts the Gibson Guitar Tour Bus. During the stop on the Soundsurf '09 Tour pupils will get on board for music workshops.

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Gurkhas hope for tourism boost after Joanna Lumley's visit



NATURAL BEAUTY: Gosainkunda lake in the Himalayas



SPIRITUAL: Hindu temples in Patan are a tourist attraction

Wish we were there

A RETIRED Gurkha soldier is hoping Joanna Lumley's visit to Nepal will help boost tourism in the poverty-stricken country, *writes Steve Knight*.

Folkestone town councillor Dhan Gurung, who served in the British Army for almost 20 years, said he hoped the star's much-publicised trip would serve as an advert for holidays in his home nation.

The 42-year-old was among the group who joined Ms Lumley on her tour of Nepal last month, to mark the Gurkha Justice Campaign's successful attempt to alter UK immigration policy for retired Gurkha soldiers.

He said: "The visit has been a huge help in promoting Nepal around the world. Every day of the trip was covered by the international media and I'm hoping people will start to holiday there more as a result. Eight of the 10 highest mountains in the world are in Nepal and it really is a beautiful country. There's so much to see and do.

"However, it's also one of the poorest countries in the world and the political system is not strong enough to make a change. Everything is dependant on tourism and without it people would find it difficult to survive."

Every year the Nepalese embassy holds a fair in London promoting the tourism,

CAMPAIGNER:
Joanna Lumley



investment, cultural and trade opportunities available in the South Asian nation.

However, last Saturday the event left the capital for the first time and was instead held at Hawkinge community hall, after a suggestion by Cllr Gurung.

Among those attending were Nepalese ambassador Murari Raj Sharma, and Folkestone's Gurkha community leader Gopal Giri.

Cllr Gurung said: "The embassy's main goal is to attract 100,000 UK tourists a year by 2011. A survey showed the majority of people who go there on holiday are from

Kent, due to its Gurkha connections, so I was very proud to host the first Nepal fair ever held outside of London.

"We used it to show some of the culture of the country, which has thousands of tribes and more than 350 languages. There was singing, dancing and playing of instruments and everybody was happy to take part. The ambassador was particularly pleased."

Meanwhile, Cllr Gurung plans to do his bit for Nepal's tourism industry by leading a group of 50 on holiday there after 2012.

Anyone interested in finding out more can contact him on 07861 697606.



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Land released at science park

A MAJOR extension to Kent Science Park has been rubber-stamped by borough councillors in a bid to attract more hi-tech industry to Swale.

An extra four hectares is being released to encourage expansion at the park, on the outskirts of Sittingbourne. It is hoped the £20 million investment will create up to 500 jobs.

Among those planning to move in is Ecologia, a company specialising in high quality site investigation.

Council leader Cllr Andrew Bowles said: "Kent Science Park offers the main means by which much-needed, high-quality jobs can be attracted to Swale.

"We welcome this expansion as we need to see higher levels of employment in critical knowledge-driven areas."

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Julie Maddocks meets the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, to discuss a unique event at the city's cathedral

THE Papua New Guinea Paralympic committee will be visiting Medway, Canterbury and Sevenoaks on Tuesday and Wednesday as they look for sites for pre-competition training in the build up to the 2012 London Games.

The visiting party will include Dr Kefu Ma, the head of the committee, who will also be scouting sites at Guildford and Stoke Mandeville.

The tour will include Black Lion leisure centre in Gillingham, Canterbury High School and Sevenoaks School.

Primary head unrepentant over sheep slaughter vote

A HEADTEACHER has defended her decision to go ahead with the slaughter of the school sheep, despite protests from parents and children.

Andrea Charman of Lydd Primary School said pupils were given the opportunity to decide the fate of Marcus the sheep: to be either kept as a pet, or sold for meat to raise funds.

But despite voting in favour of the latter, many pupils have gone home tearful and upset at the ram's fate and protesting parents met at the school gates on Friday.

One parent, Jo Davis, told reporters her daughter had been traumatised by the decision.

She said: "This would be the same as my daughter coming home to find her pet rabbit bubbling away on the stove in a stew."

"My daughter was told it was no different to buying lamb from the supermarket. I really don't think this is the same thing."

Ms Charman said: "Early in June, the children of Lydd Primary School, which is part of a traditional, working, rural community, dis-

cussed whether to keep a Wether lamb, one of three bought for the children to rear.

"Since the Wether lamb arrived it has always been made clear - in a tactful and factual way - that lambs are meat.

"The children have had a range of opportunities to discuss this issue, both in terms of the food cycle and the ethical aspect.

"Children from years two and above were given the opportunity to choose what happened to the lamb.

"It was made clear it could be kept as a pet, or sold to go for meat to raise money for the school farm to buy more animals.

"It was discussed in school council. Each class had the opportunity to discuss it."

She said the children then "voted overwhelmingly" for Marcus to be sent to the abattoir and until the media interest began the school had received no complaints from parents.

Since news broke of Marcus's fate, Ms Charman said she has received many messages of support, including from other parents and schools with farms.

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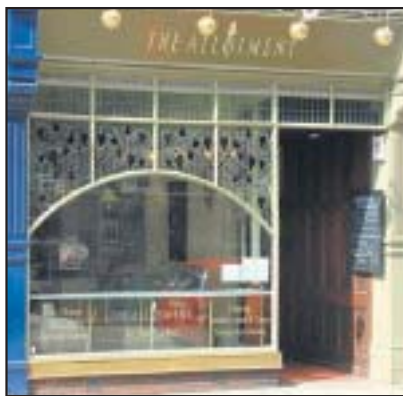
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TOP 50: The Sportsman at Seasalter, near Whitstable



ABSOLUTE GEM: The Allotment in Dover



ACCOLADE: The Mulberry Tree at Boughton Monchelsea

Your guide to Kentish zest

By **RACHEL McATHY**
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KENT has become a food hotspot with all the ingredients for top-notch cuisine, judging by the county's performance in The Good Food Guide 2010.

The renowned publication, released this week, features six new county restaurants, with some even top of the tables.

One chef was even deemed "inspirational" by the guide's editor, as the number of new entries making it into the food bible doubled from last year.

The Sportsman at Whitstable was named as one of the UK's top 50 restaurants, the only Kent entry to have made it onto the prestigious list this year. And it was a double delight for the Seasalter eatery, as head chef Stephen Harris scooped the best chef award.

Readers and inspectors called him "brilliant" and "idiosyncratic".

Mr Harris said: "I'm very happy – and also slightly embarrassed. It's a team effort, I'm just the gobby one in the front who gets all the credit. But it's great and I'm still a bit shocked. The Good Food Guide is one of the top guides, it's very highly regarded."

"My achievement is one thing, but for the restaurant to be in the top 50 is so flattering."

"This is my hobby and my career that happened to mix together. I'm really lucky I get to do something I love so much."

He said the secret of his success was a combination of good teamwork, obsessive perfectionism and serving good food in a relaxed



ON A PLATE: Dave Flynn (The Allotment), Stephen Harris (The Sportsman) and Alan Irwin (The Mulberry Tree) have helped turn Kent into a food lover's paradise



atmosphere. He said: "When I became a chef in 1995, the best restaurants were all posh, you had to wear a suit and there were lots of waiters and napkins."

"What we've done is to offer the best food in the country in a pub, where English people relax. We're serving food that would cost £100 a head in London."

"But here you can turn up in a pair of jeans, have a beer if you don't want wine and not worry about what cutlery to use."

There was more good news elsewhere in Kent. The Mulberry Tree at Boughton Monchelsea, near Maidstone, was named Restaurant of the Year for the South East.

The restaurant, in the capable hands of head chef Alan Irwin, offers a true taste of Kent, from local pigeon breast and Romney Marsh lamb, to Whitstable sole and Tenterden veal.

Even desserts are a combination of county foods, such as the Kentish strawberry and summer berry cocktail and Kent cheese

board. Owner Karen Williams said winning the title within two years of opening was a great achievement.

"We try to offer the best value food, locally sourced. If we can, we buy everything from within the county," she said. "That's how we've built our reputation."

Alongside The Mulberry Tree were five more new entries for Kent, bringing the total featured in the guide to 30.

They include The Marquis at Alkham; The Three Chimneys, Biddenden; The Allotment, Dover; Age and Sons, Ramsgate; and Richard Phillips at Chapel Down, Smallhythe.

The Allotment is the first Dover town centre restaurant to appear in the guide and proprietor Dave Flynn was delighted.

"From day one it has been an ambition to get The Allotment into The Good Food Guide and to have achieved this in just over two years is excellent news," he said.

"It's huge recognition of the dedication and professionalism shown by my staff and it's

thanks to them and the positive response and continued support we receive from our regular, local and visiting clientele, that we are in the guide."

Some of this support comes in the way of allotment produce brought in by residents.

The restaurant is described in the guide as "an absolute gem of a find" offering "the best food in Dover". It also receives a special mention in the foreword.

Elizabeth Carter, editor of The Good Food Guide, who lives near Canterbury, said: "Kent seems to be something of a foodie hotspot these days with more and more first-class restaurants and pubs opening each year."

"Particular acknowledgment this year goes to Stephen Harris at The Sportsman for gaining such a prestigious award and for being an inspiration for many chefs in Kent."

• The Bull Inn at Benenden has been crowned Freehouse Pub of the Year in the Great British Pub Awards 2009. It was also named best pub in the South East. It is run by licensees Mark Reid and Lucy Bligh. The judges said: "They have transformed the Bull Inn since buying it five years ago. From an underperforming and underused pub, it has been turned into a thriving business and a valued hub of the community."

• The Bull in Horton Kirby, near Dartford, has won the 2009 Kent Camra Pub of the Year Award. Garrett Phipps and Lynne Prentice took over the Bull in May, 2005, with no previous experience in the pub trade. A spokesman for the Campaign for Real Ale said: "Their commitment to good quality and varied real ales, good food and strong community spirit will put them in good stead to win the national award."



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Keeping kids posted

CHILDREN from the autism unit at a Tonbridge school helped launch a new kids' club that will make it simple for young people to create and send cards.

The Fluppetteers' Club, part of a new service called Fluppet, means children can create and send real cards on their computers in their own homes.

Creator of www.fluppet.com, Peter Bolton, said: "We thought it would be great to make it as easy as possible for kids to create and send cards to parents and relatives. It's much safer than children wandering round the shops."

The website allows parents to purchase credits so children can make and send cards until the credit runs out.

As part of the launch, each child at Cage Green Primary School's autism unit – which is supported by Parents of Autistic Centre in Tonbridge (PACT) – received £5 credit.

To send one card, including postage, costs as little as £1.99 with 5p going to whichever of Fluppet's three chosen charities – PACT, Build Africa and World in Need – the sender picks.

Rare minibeast find

A RARE species has been discovered during a Tunbridge Wells Museum minibeast safari.

Among other unusual creatures, youngsters found a scarce beaked hoverfly.



The insect was found for the first time in grassland off Reynolds Lane. The bug, with its long snout for probing flowers, is on the national list of rare and endangered species.

Other unusual finds were the giant cranefly and the wasp nest beetle, which has feathery antennae and pointed wing-cases.

First academy signals flagship's new phase

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THE first of three academies planned for Medway has opened as the Government announced its flagship education programme was entering a new phase.

Strood Academy, which is sponsored by the University for the Creative Arts (UCA), is part of Labour's multi-million-pound academy programme and was among 67 opening for the new school term.

The co-educational secondary school specialises in maths, business and enterprise and replaces two comprehensives – Chapter School and Temple School.

Ed Balls, the Schools Secretary, this week said academies were the biggest wave of new schools since the Victorian era, with 200 already open and another 200 planned.

Principal Richard Hart said: "I'm proud to have been appointed to work with both UCA and Medway Council to lead Strood Academy. It will build on the achievements of Temple and Chapter schools to provide outstanding opportunities for young people."

A £30 million building to house the academy is planned for September, 2012.

Academies are all-abilities state-funded schools, which are established and managed by private sponsors such as universities, businesses and faith communities.

There are 10 academies in Kent, and two – Skinners' Kent in Tunbridge Wells, and The Isle of Sheppey Academy in Sheerness – opened on September 1.

Consultation is under way for an academy in Sevenoaks to replace Bradbourne and Wildernesse schools. In Medway, the Bishop of Rochester Academy and Gillingham Academy open in September 2010.

The academies programme has been controversial, with teachers' groups questioning their benefits and the disruption caused by merging and re-branding schools.

Disciplined

On Monday, Mr Balls was joined by Prime Minister Gordon Brown to announce the Government was scrapping the £2 million entry fee new sponsors had to provide to run academies.

There would also be a new vetting system for potential sponsors. He said it would lead to further expansion of the scheme.

"Academies are now moving into a new phase," Mr Balls said. "We're ahead of schedule with no shortage of sponsors coming forward."

But teaching unions have pointed to the fact

that there is no evidence academies do better or worse than other schools, and question whether companies can know more about running schools than local education authorities.

Strood Academy, which has places for 240 pupils, is being co-sponsored by Medway Council. Mr Hart, who worked for seven years as head of the Thomas Aveling School in Rochester, which was judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted, said: "My belief is all young people have potential and respond best in a safe, well ordered and disciplined environment."

"My key focus will be to ensure teaching and learning has the highest priority in the academy and that students study the mix of courses and qualifications that are most appropriate to their needs and aspirations."

TV presenter and entrepreneur Loyd Grossman, who is also chairman of the board of governors at UCA, will officially open the academy on Thursday, October 1.

Dianne Taylor, pro vice-chancellor and executive head at UCA and a member of the Strood Academy governing board, said: "UCA students and pupils of both Chapter and Temple schools have had the opportunity to contribute to the vision for the new academy. We believe the academy will be a very positive influence in the community."

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Regeneration agreement aiming to cut region's red tape

Teamwork praised by minister



LEARNING CURVE : John Denham at Dartford Bridge Primary

COMMUNITIES Secretary John Denham was on hand to launch a new project aimed at speeding up regeneration in north Kent.

The Multi Area Agreement (MAA) was signed to enable the local authorities of Dartford, Gravesham, Swale and the Thames Gateway to cut red tape and work more closely to deliver change.

Mr Denham told Kent on Sunday the scheme – which will focus primarily on housing, skills and employment – was important to bring the north of the county into line with the rest of the South East.

He said: "If you go to almost any part of the country that 20 years ago was heavily based on industry, you end up with a workforce that doesn't have the skills you need today."

"North Kent has huge potential due to how close it is to London and the rail links with the capital – and it's important that potential is realised."

"Even during the recession, the South East is one of the wealthiest regions in the

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world. People in north Kent who do not have access to high earnings do not enjoy the same quality of life as those living very close to them and we want that to change."

The MAA – a version of which is also being utilised in Mr Denham's Southampton constituency – has set targets for the region to achieve by 2014. These include increasing the number of people qualified to at least NVQ level two by more than 44,000, and reducing by at least 20 per cent the gap between north Kent and the rest of the South East in terms of numbers on the dole.

Impressed

Also on the agenda are plans to deliver 15,000 new homes and reduce carbon emissions by about 17 per cent.

Mr Denham said: "It's a way of making sure things change over the next 10 to 15 years. We can do that by making sure we create the jobs,

support them with investment and public transport and build the homes people need."

"The benefit of the MAA is that previously you would have had four local authorities negotiating with 12 or 15 different bodies and nobody gets anywhere. Now the councils are working together and cutting the bureaucracy. It also means the taxpayers are more likely to get better value for money."

Mr Denham was among those who signed the agreement at The Bridge housing development in Dartford on Wednesday.

During his visit he saw the town's Fastrack bus system and also met pupils and teachers at the new Dartford Bridge Community Primary School.

Mr Denham said: "I was impressed by the housing estate. It reminded me a lot of the docklands development in Amsterdam."

"You could also see the care that has gone into the creation of the school. That proves we can deliver projects of a really high quality."

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Hopping on the bus

MORE people are jumping on the bus to travel in Kent. An extra 3.5 million passengers were carried on buses over the last year, raising the total to 55.2 million journeys, according to the latest figures from Kent County Council.

Bus passenger journeys have risen every year since 2005-06, by 6.5 per cent, 6.38 per cent and now 6.77 per cent, from 55.2 million journeys in 2007-08.

County Hall says two factors contributed to last year's increase. About 30 per cent of journeys were made by concessionary pass holders – pensioners, passengers with disabilities and their companions, and the Freedom Pass for young people accounted for three million journeys, five per cent of the total. Supported bus services carried nine per cent more passengers than the previous year.

Cabinet member for highways Cllr Nick Chard said: "The more people use public transport, the greater our prospects of reducing congestion and cutting emissions."

Details of bus services are available from Traveline on 0871 200 2233, or at www.kent-publictransport.info or www.kent.gov.uk/transport-and-streets.

Fraud jail warning

A MAN is facing jail after cheating £57,000 out of the benefits system. Antony Hearson, 40, of Elgar Close, Tonbridge, pleaded guilty at Maidstone Crown Court to two counts of dishonestly obtaining benefits.

Hearson received a £25,000 payment from his former employer soon after he started to receive benefits. He also received a £95,000 gift from his father. In addition, Hearson carried out work for three agencies despite claiming he was incapable of working.

The case was adjourned to September 30 for probation reports, but Judge O'Mahony told him: "With the amount in question, prepare for a custodial sentence."



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FIGHTING FIT: Nigel McGuinness

Grappler Nigel poised to join American elite

A WRESTLER from Kent has agreed to join the company that made global celebrities out of Hulk Hogan and The Rock.

Nigel McGuinness, 33, who grew up in Staplehurst and attended Maidstone Grammar School, has made such a name for himself on the American independent circuit that he has been offered a contract by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

The deal has the potential to make a millionaire of McGuinness, who was last year ranked third best in the world by Power Slam magazine. McGuinness, who keeps his real name secret, told a national newspaper he was "not 100 per cent on board yet". He added:

"I still have to dot some i's and cross some t's, but it's looking positive. It's been a long time coming – 10 years since I started training and about 18 since I sat in Wembley Stadium and said I was going to become a pro wrestler. Still, I don't want to tempt fate until it's all signed, sealed and delivered."

McGuinness – who made a cameo appearance in the Mickey Rourke film *The Wrestler* – became hooked watching the likes of Big Daddy and Giant Haystacks in the 1980s. He trained at a wrestling school in the USA before returning to England and is now regarded as one of the most promising stars in the business.



THE ROCK

Until recently he was the champion of America's number three promotion Ring of Honor (ROH), which acts as an unofficial feeder for WWE.

ROH owner Cary Silkin said: "Nigel has been a tremendous leader and is a wonderful performer. His merits, both in and out of the ring, are extraordinary, and any locker room with Nigel McGuinness in it is better for it."

"We couldn't be happier for Nigel as he takes the next step in his career and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for all he's worked for and through."

Formerly known as the World Wrestling Federation (WWF), WWE is a hugely profitable company.

Meanwhile, fellow Kent grappler Doug Williams, from Sevenoaks, is also finding success with Total Non-stop Action (TNA) in the USA. The 37-year-old is part of the company's top tag team, British Invasion.

Campaigners' fury at 'absurd' airport delay

THE controversial decision over whether to expand Lydd Airport has been delayed again, in a decision branded "absurd" by anti-expansion campaigners, **writes Rachel McAtthy.**

A planning meeting set for September 24 was cancelled this week at the request of new airport managing director Jonathan Gordon, who said he needed more time to look over the paperwork.

But a campaign group against the expansion said it neither "believes nor supports" this explanation. Officials say the meeting will take place early next year – meaning a delay of up to six months.

Shepway council said it had agreed to change the date, but there would be no further delays.

"Mr Gordon took up the role on September 1," said Alistair Stewart, Shepway council's chief executive. "I appreciate his position and have agreed to reschedule the meeting, which will now be held in late February or March."

"A date will be fixed when we have consulted everyone involved. However, I've made it clear I'm not prepared to change the date again. We must reach a position where these applications are finally determined."

This is the fourth delay to the meeting, following requests for more information and more time, as well as a date clash with the national Liberal Democrat conference.

Louise Barton, of Lydd Airport Action Group (LAAG) said: "Mr Gordon has long been associated with Lydd Airport, being both a director and shareholder, pre and post the acquisition of a controlling interest in Lydd Airport by Sheikh Fahad al Athel in 2001. He is already familiar with most of the issues associated with this application."



AIRPORT CHIEF: Jonathan Gordon

The group says the findings of council planners and the Habitats Directive mean the proposed development should be rejected.

The application, submitted by the airport in 2006, proposes a 444-metre extension to its runway and a new terminal.

According to LAAG, this would enable it to increase passenger numbers from fewer than 2,000 a year to 500,000.

The RSPB this week said the delays have "reached new levels of absurdity".

Regional director Chris Corrigan said: "This is becoming a farce. The airport should accept defeat and withdraw their plans."

But Mr Gordon said: "We are grateful for the consideration and understanding shown by Shepway council in a final deferral of the

determination to our planning applications.

"We will now work closely with all stakeholders in order to help achieve a fully informed decision on the new date to be agreed early next year."

In another airport row this week, Kent residents have intensified their campaign against aircraft noise to and from Gatwick.

The Gatwick Anti-Noise Group (GANG) was set up to represent Chiddingstone, Hever, Mark Beech and Marsh Green. Campaigners are calling for incoming aircraft to fly higher, quieter and be better distributed. Issues can be raised until October 7 during the consultation stage of the airport's noise action plan. View the consultation at www.gatwickairport.com/noise.

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Arrests and raids in £6m money laundering probe

TWO people from Kent are among 21 arrested suspected of being at the centre of a £6 million construction industry scam.

Company bosses are among the 18 men and three women picked up on Wednesday morning around the UK, including one in Bromley and another in Beckenham.

The raids were part of an investigation by HM Revenue & Customs. The other arrests were in the West Midlands, Staffordshire, and Manchester. All are suspected of conspiracy to cheat the public revenue and money laundering offences.

The plot is believed to have been orchestrated by organised crime gangs in a bid to steal millions of pounds in a complicated conspiracy through a version of 'missing trader' fraud.

Crime gangs

Customs said this sees the creation of a contrived chain of companies, which claim to subcontract labour for the construction industry, with the sole intention of disappearing before paying the taxes due to the public purse.

They pocket the money and hijack legitimate companies along the way.

The conspiracy exploits individuals working in the construction industry and abuses the government scheme that regulates the industry's tax affairs. It is thought thousands of construction workers may have been robbed of the tax and national insurance contributions they believe they have paid over the last six years.

Adrian Farley, assistant director of criminal investigation for HMRC, said: "The arrests are the result of strenuous efforts by our teams of dedicated officers to disrupt the sophisticated scams of organised crime gangs."

Officials seized £73,000 in cash along with bank accounts and computers, Class A drugs and other equipment.



SWEET: The world Under 10 team champions Juicy are students at the Len Goodman Dance School

Strictly award-winning

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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A DANCE school backed by Strictly Come Dancing judge Len Goodman has scooped 10 world titles at a major tournament.

Sugar Free Streetdance at the Len Goodman Dance School in Dartford has gone from strength to strength with the tally of awards.

After storming the UDO British Championships by winning 12 titles across the various age and ability categories earlier this year, Sugar Free Streetdance attended the 2009

UDO World Championships in Blackpool with high expectations.

And once again their dancers performed to the highest standard and clinched no less than 10 world titles and had 35 finalists in the solo, duo, quad and team categories.

Claudia Rose Carlier and Kayla Jacobs Holden both won their Under-8 solo titles and then combined to clinch the Under-8 advanced doubles title.

Achievements

Ivory Fadiga clinched the Under-12 advanced solo title, with Holly Woodhams and Belle Fisher taking the Under-12 advanced doubles title.

Belle, Holly and Ivory then teamed up with Rianna Holden to claim the Under-12 quad title, a feat matched in the Under-18 quads by Molly and Amy Boulding, Joanna Wright and Chelsi Hayward.

Juicy took the Under-10 team title while, at the other end of the age spectrum, the Sugar Mumas took the parent team world

title to go with the British title they won earlier in the year. Not to be outdone, Glenn Fisher scored one for the dads by beating off a host of mother and child pairings to take the world parent and child title with his daughter Belle.

Due to the incredible achievements in 2009, which also saw the Over-18 team Sugar Free make the live televised semi-finals of ITV1's Britain's Got Talent, interest in classes has never been higher. As a result, Sugar Free Streetdance are now launching classes at Leigh Technology Academy, Dartford, on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

See www.sugarfreedance.com for details.



Len Goodman

7/7 survivor's thank you

A SURVIVOR of the London bombings is taking part in a gruelling race today.

Chris Randall, from Bromley, was burned in the Edgware Road station explosion.

He was not seriously hurt, but wants to raise money for the hospital that helped him with his recovery.

In under a minute, three bombs exploded on the London underground on the morning of July 7, 2005, followed by a fourth an hour later on a bus. Some 56 people died and around 700 were injured.

Now Chris, who was treated at Chelsea and

Westminster Hospital, is competing in the Chelsea and Westminster Health Charity London Duathlon in Richmond Park. It is the fifth year the London Duathlon has been held, and is a run, followed by a bike ride and then another run.

He said: "I discovered the charity supports some great initiatives and raises money for the hospital, so I decided to help fundraise for them as a way of saying thank you for the excellent care I received in 2005."

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On the road to stop NHS 'downgrade'

TORY hopeful Helen Grant will be joined by a convoy of lorries when she pushes a buggy 17 miles to protest about maternity services being moved from Maidstone Hospital.

Mrs Grant is to push a pram from Maidstone Hospital to Pembury Hospital – where the unit is to be moved to in 2011 – on Sunday, September 27.

The Conservative parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and Weald, hopes her walk on Kent's main roads will highlight the risks pregnant women could face if they have to travel that extra distance.

Since Mrs Grant's announcement, she has received offers of support from the community and has had plenty of offers from people wanting to join her on the walk, including vans, trucks, tractors and a convoy of lorries.

She has had to decline the offers of walkers for company as part of the route is not suitable for large groups on foot.

But Mrs Grant is welcoming everyone to show their support by sending her off on her protest walk when she sets off at 9am from Maidstone Hospital.

She said: "There is no good way of getting to Pembury Hospital from Maidstone if you are a mother-in-labour, especially if there are complications."

Teens visit haven for young mums

A GROUP of 13 teenage mothers are at Coombe Haven in Hastings this weekend as part of NHS efforts to educate them to improve their long-term health.

The Young Active Parent Support Group for young mothers in Deal was set up to enable them to have some where to go on a regular basis. It is an opportunity for to meet other young parents and build social networks as well as developing self-confidence and parenting skills in an environment where they will not be judged.

During the short break they will learn about budgeting, health and safety, food hygiene, and mother and baby bonding.

Birth of a new dawn for maternity services

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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MATERNITY services have been under the spotlight as NHS trusts across Kent strive to meet the Government's end-of-year deadline for delivering improvements.

Healthcare professionals found out how community and hospital services were providing choice for mothers-to-be at a Maternity Matters conference this week held by NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority for Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

After critical reports by the Healthcare Commission, the Department of Health published its Maternity Matters strategy in 2007, which set out how every woman should have choice, access and continuity of care in a safe service by the end of 2009.

With time running out for trusts to improve their maternity services, Helen O'Dell, who is leading the improvements to maternity services in the region, said: "There are a few outstanding areas but not that many."

Mrs O'Dell said any trusts that did not meet the target would be monitored by the SHA.

She said one area that needed work was mental health services, adding that a good example of this was in Medway, where a midwife based at the hospital specialises in mental health.

Mrs O'Dell praised the number of midwife-led birthing centres in Kent, with one recently opened at Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford, and another at the William Harvey in Ashford, which saw more than 100 births within its first few weeks.

"They are really proving to be a popular choice," she said. "I think, like anything, it takes people time to build up confidence in services."

"Women were told for a long time that the safest place to give birth is a hospital, but now it's coming to light that the evidence is not there to support that."

"Women realise they can make that choice and it [a birthing centre] is a safe choice. It's proving extremely popular."

Meanwhile, hundreds of women have supported a campaign to prevent maternity services being downgraded at Maidstone Hospital. Campaigners made an emotive protest over the plan and raised fears it will put mothers' and babies' lives at risk.

Under the proposals, when Pembury Hospital opens in 2011 the consultant-led maternity ward will move there, along with the special care baby unit, creating a 'centre of excellence'. Maidstone will instead have a midwife-led birthing centre.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust said: "It's important to stress that the majority of women's and children's services will remain at Maidstone."

"Similar centres are already working over greater distances safely and successfully both locally and nationally."

Mrs O'Dell said: "Promoting giving birth normally is positive."

"All birthing centres have experienced midwives. It is about early detection and arranging a transfer before it becomes an emergency."

Other examples of good maternity practices in Kent highlighted at Tuesday's conference include antenatal classes offered in supermar-

kets, an enterprising method that has reduced Caesarean rates in Pembury, and improving care for teenage mothers in Maidstone.

Mrs O'Dell added: "It is good to take a step back and look at what we've achieved."

"We recognise there is more to go but there is some good work and it is valuable to share."



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Taking pride in Jane at lectures

JANE Austen fans are set to be treated to a series of events in Kent this month to celebrate the country's best-loved novelist

Prof Alan Downie, head of English at Goldsmiths College in London, will present a seminar entitled Ways of Talking about Jane Austen next Tuesday at Tonbridge Library.

The author of classics such as *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Emma*, which provide entertaining insights into Regency society, had close ties to Kent, regularly staying at Godmersham, in between Canterbury and Ashford.

Then Undressing Mr Darcy, will see a historical costume expert give a presentation about the clothes of a Regency gentleman at Tonbridge School next Thursday.

To book tickets for Prof Downie's talk, which begins at 2.30pm, call 01732 581 010 and to see Mr Darcy Undressed call 01732 304 241.

Teaching young to beat the bugs

A NEW online learning tool has been launched to teach schoolchildren how to protect themselves from viruses like swine flu.

NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority that covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex, welcomed the e-Bug website, developed by the Health Protection Agency.

Students at primary and secondary schools across the county will also be able to play online games about microbes, hygiene, antibiotic use and vaccines.

The programme features animated characters and cartoon microbes, lesson plans and material for teachers.

For more about swine flu call 0800 1513 100 or see www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu.

Racism still an issue in the county

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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PREJUDICE still exist in Kent and need to be tackled head-on, claims the editor of a magazine celebrating black and ethnic minority communities.

Mother-of-four Angela Asieba – who was born in England to Jamaican parents – says people need to be better educated about the contributions made by all members of society, regardless of the colour of their skin.

Her magazine, *Nubia*, celebrates its first anniversary next month, and Mrs Asieba told Kent on Sunday she hoped it would continue to send a positive message.

She said: "I live in Rochester and quite recently my son, who goes to one of the Medway high schools, was pelted by eggs and called the 'n' word."

"And not too long ago I accidentally knocked into somebody in a local shop and was told to go back to the jungle and climb some trees."

"I've heard of other BME (black and minority ethnic) people with similar experiences to mine, so it's clearly still a problem that needs to be addressed."

Nubia – named after the African region that was home to one of the earliest black

civilisations – is released bi-monthly and is read by an estimated 15,000 people throughout Kent and the Thames Gateway region.

Available online as well as in libraries, community centres and places of worship, the magazine focuses on education, health and business issues and showcases BME people in a positive light.

Mrs Asieba, 44, a former teacher, started writing *Nubia* on her own at home but has since relocated to Medway's new centre for creative business at Chatham dockyard.

She said: "When I was a teacher I experienced some diversity issues and was made to feel different by other members of staff. They would make flippant remarks that they perhaps didn't realise were offensive to people of colour and it was a horrible experience."

"When I left I thought the best way to edu-



RAISING AWARENESS: Angela Asieba is celebrating the first anniversary of her black and minority ethnic magazine, *Nubia*

cate people would be to start something for the BME community.

"You always see negative images of people of colour in the media and it can have a big effect, especially on the way young black boys live."

"I'm promoting images to show there are a lot of BME people who have made a positive contribution to society, like Kent's Chief Constable Mike Fuller."

Performing artists and guest speakers will attend *Nubia*'s one-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 31, with a fashion show also planned. The event, which coincides with Black History Month, will be held at Mid Kent College's new Gillingham campus.

Email angela.asieba@nubiamagazine.co.uk for more information.



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Funeral held for tragic footballer

FRIENDS and family have paid their last respects to an American footballer who died during a match last month.

The funeral of Maidstone Pumas team member Alan Newcombe, 26, was held at Vinters Park Crematorium in Bearsted Road, Maidstone, on Thursday.

Mr Newcombe, who was known as Minty, had been playing against the East Kent Mavericks on August 16 at Keynes College playing fields at the University of Kent in Canterbury, when he collapsed on the sidelines in the closing stages of the game.

His family welcomed both flowers, and donations to the St John Ambulance service in his memory.

After the private service friends and family were invited back to the Newcombe family home in Grove Green.

A quiet way to learn about art

ARTIST Humphrey Ocean is giving a free public lecture at the University for the Creative Arts Canterbury.

Ocean has painted Tony Benn, William Whitelaw, Philip Larkin and Paul McCartney for the National Portrait Gallery and will be returning to his former art school for his Talk about Quiet.

He will share his experience leading up to his forthcoming exhibition Humphrey Ocean Perfectly Ordinary at the Sidney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury Christ Church University this autumn.

The lecture will take place on Wednesday, September 23, from 6-7pm, and will be followed by a drinks reception.

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Mum's vow: I won't let the dealers win

A GRIEVING mother has launched a campaign to stamp out "parasite" drug dealers who played a hand in her daughter's death.

Angela, 46, and Ian Pett, 49, and their son Joe, 23, were left devastated last October when 20-year-old Haniska died after taking cocaine on a night out.

The young hairdresser had bought the drugs from 'friends' who, according to Angela, had cut the drug with MDMA – a form of ecstasy – amphetamines, and BZP, a morning tablet for cows. There was only five per cent cocaine found in the powder.

Angela said: "I know it was Haniska's choice, but these dealers cut it with whatever they can to make more money.

"They pretend to be your friends, but they're not. The people who sold it to Haniska had bought it off dealers who had bought it off someone else and they had all cut it as it passed down the line.

This week, as part of our A Safer Kent series, we meet the mother of a woman who died after taking what she believed was cocaine, and discover how she is trying to stop other people suffering the same tragedy. Reporter MARIJKE COX speaks to Angela Pett about her daughter's death and the education programme she has launched.

"The big misconception is that people think you can't die from cocaine, but you can and my daughter's death proves that."

Angela is now using Haniska to teach others not to dabble in what are seen as recreational drugs. She plans to go to schools to tell youngsters about the dangers.

"Children need to be educated about drugs from as young as 14," she said.

"The police have been brilliant, but I think when it comes to going to schools to talk to children it would be better coming from someone who has experienced what drugs can do. I'd tell them that everyone has choices and one of them is life."

Angela said she has already been to pubs and clubs with police in Gravesend to watch them tackle the problem.

"They have special lights which show up cocaine traces and in one girls' toilet there wasn't a surface without it on," she said.

"The police are doing a good job though and pubs are really cracking down with searches and drop boxes for people to get rid of drugs, no questions asked."

But she stressed the main problem is that taking cocaine is seen as socially acceptable.

"People think only heroin kills, but coke can too," she said. "The public view of drug-users is that they are thieves who steal to feed their habit, but with cocaine it's not like that. A lot of young professionals take it and in the case of my daughter, she worked hard but unfortunately spent her money on it."

Angela said she had known about Haniska's drug taking and had warned her about the effects.

She added that the detrimental effect on her "beautiful and fun-loving" daughter was heartbreaking: "Haniska was extremely caring, loud and funny, but after a heavy week-



MESSAGE: Angela Pett wants to save other parents from losing a child to drugs

end, she would get very moody and her nose would sometimes bleed. I can't believe she's gone, and all because of drugs.

"It's so upsetting that the parasite dealers who sold it to her are still out there.

"The police worked hard to try and get a conviction, but there isn't enough evidence."

Angela vows to continue with her campaign to try and stamp out drug dealers.

"I'm not going to let this go," she said. "If I stop then they've won and Haniska's death was a waste."

It's time to put your questions to police chief

THIS is your chance to find out more about the police officers who look after our county.

Next month Kent police chief Michael Fuller has agreed to answer questions from our readers about any aspect of policing.

This is the third week of our A Safer Kent campaign, looking behind the scenes at Kent Police to discover some of the stories behind the headlines as our 3,640 police officers help look after a population of 1.65 million.

We've already told you about the launch of the Neighbourhood Task Teams, and last week we met the man who came to Kent from one of Britain's most notorious areas for gun crime, bringing his expertise to ensure we remain alert and protected.

Today we meet a mother whose life has been torn apart by the loss of her daughter to drugs and we see how she is helping make life safer for other youngsters.

Next week we look at the high-tech number plate reading technology which our police are increasingly using to monitor the movements of known criminals.

So, to ask Chief Constable Michael Fuller a question about policing, email your question to editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or write to the editor at this newspaper, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

We will carry as many answers as we possibly can in our edition of October 7.

FACT FILE

- Kent Police and local drug and alcohol teams are working together to tackle drug-related crime and deaths.
- Kent Police are also working with pubs and clubs to tackle the issue. This includes using the latest technology to detect drugs, and projecting messages about the dangers onto buildings.
- During a recent Tackling Drugs Week Kent Police recovered more than 500g of cocaine with a street value of around £22,000. They also made more than 50 drug-related arrests, many for dealing.
- During the action week, 41 schools in Kent were visited by police officers who warned pupils about the dangers.
- From 2008-09 our police detected 3,912 drug offences, of which 644 related to the supply and production of drugs.
- A recent report into drug-related deaths in the UK showed that nationally nine per cent of more than 2,000 UK drug-related deaths were linked to cocaine use.

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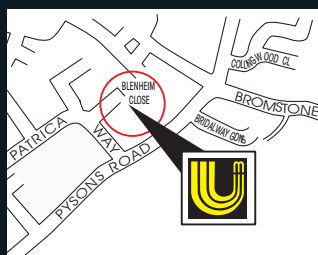
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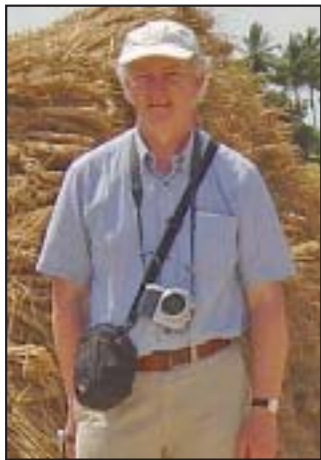


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Pest-buster with killer instinct



FARM HAND: Professor Alan Cork

AN AWARD-winning expert from a Kent university who travels the developing world finding ways to reduce pesticide use, is giving a free lecture in Medway.

Professor Alan Cork, whose work includes tackling man-eating parasites in South America, is head of the Natural Resources Institute's Agriculture, Health and Environment Group, which is based at the Medway campus of the University of Greenwich.

"The whole focus of the institute is to help resource poor farmers," he said. "What we are trying to do is identify ways to improve their livelihoods and health."

The lecture, In The Farmers' Shadow: Bio-Rational Pest Manage-

ment for International Development, will be held at the Pilkington Lecture Theatre in Chatham Maritime on Tuesday.

Among the discussion topics will be Prof Cork's contribution to pesticide-free aubergine production in Bangladesh, for which he won an award earlier this year at the 2009 International IPM Symposium.

Prof Cork explained: "It is about trying to use natural systems to change insect behaviour instead of toxic pesticides."

Aubergines make up 40 per cent of the total vegetable crops produced in Bangladesh.

He said: "Toxic pesticides are a big

problem. The farmers sprayed every day in the summer, about 120 times a year.

"This was done was out of sheer desperation because this particular pest was taking 70 to 90 per cent of the crops.

"They did not know what else to do apart from increase the amount of pesticide."

Danger

He said the impact on the environment was considerable, but the main danger was that people were consuming vegetables with dangerous levels of pesticides.

Through his work there, the team were able to develop a package of measures that took care of pests without using pesticides.

One method was 'mass trapping', which is now used in Bangladesh

and southern India. Prof Cork said natural enemies of the pests were also introduced to the area and now the farmers are able to sell the produce as organic.

He also worked on a parasite that affects livestock and humans called new world screwworm, which has now been eradicated in North and Central America. Its Latin name, *cochliomyia hominivorax*, means literally 'eater of man'.

Prof Cork used 'odour baits' to attract and trap the disease carriers. He said: "We found the lava excrement gives off a smell that is attractive to flies which lay more eggs.

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Nick Johannsen, director of the Kent Downs AONB, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have got this far.

"This recognises the hard work that my team and the AONB partnership has put into getting responsible travel to be a reality in the Kent Downs AONB.

"This has been achieved through the dedication of many Kent Downs' communities and individual tourism businesses."

The 2009 Responsible Tourism Award winners will be announced on Wednesday, November 11.

Two arrested in police assault

A POLICE officer was attacked by a group of people in Tunbridge Wells.

The assault in the early hours of Saturday, September 5, took place in Calverley Road, when the officer was taking details from people about an incident.

He was surrounded by a gang, and pushed to the ground and kicked and punched by at least two people.

A doorman from El Mono nightclub and a taxi driver were among those who intervened to help him.

A 20-year-old man from Tunbridge Wells and a 22-year-old man from Heathfield were arrested. They were later released on bail.

Encouraging us to be tolerant

THE Annual Dialogue Dinner to promote tolerance within the community will take place this week in Medway.

The dinner, organised by The Fellowship Dialogue Society, will be held on Tuesday, September 15.

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And continuing with the green theme, its 2.5 litre BMW diesel engine runs on chocolate waste and wine dregs.

Amazingly, it will still do 170mph and hit 60mph in 2.5 seconds thanks to its light weight of 550kg including driver, and 230 brake horsepower. It will do around 35mpg at race speeds.

It is the brainchild of engineering boffins at Warwick University who used a conventional racing car chassis as its backbone.

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Dr Kirwan said: "For some reason the steering wheel came out purple. We think some beetroot might have got into it."

"We're not saying that this is the answer to the world's environmental problems, but it's a step in the right direction."

During the Brands race on October 17, it's hoped the car will reach speeds of 150mph.

A tasty day out on offer at food festival

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THOUSANDS of people are expected to show their support for the inaugural Broadstairs Food Festival.

With 24 restaurants and celebrity chef John Burton-Race taking part in the event between September 28 and October 4, organisers are hoping to establish it as a must for foodies from Kent and beyond.

Bill Hackney, chairman of the organiser Broadstairs Events Support Trust, said: "Everybody loves Broadstairs."

"It is a very successful resort and town and we decided that we wanted to promote local businesses, Kent produce and promote Kent tourism."

"The natural thing to do was to have a food festival. Since the decision was made in August, 2008, it has really grown from there."

Celebrity

"It has taken a lot of effort and we have had a lot of support from the district council and townsfolk of Broadstairs."

"We are now due to have a very significant food festival at the end of September."

The event has been organised as a joint venture between the Broadstairs Chamber of Commerce and the Broadstairs Tourism and Leisure Association.

KOS Media, the award-winning publisher of Kent on Sunday, Kent on Saturday and Yourthanet, is the festival's media partner.

The festival will showcase the best of local and Kent produce with seven days of restaurant-based tastings, demonstrations and festival menus, ending with a three-day free Food Fayre.

Mr Hackney said organisers were thrilled to have bagged



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Top chef John Burton-Race is backing the Broadstairs Food Festival



celebrity chef Burton-Race, of the celebrated New Angel in Dartmouth, who will be headlining the Kitchen Theatre by providing cooking demonstrations.

The Michelin-starred chef is the development director of Harvey's Fish Market & Oyster Bar in Ramsgate. He will be joined by the restaurant's husband and wife team Richard and Sherry Martin, who will be shucking Whitstable oysters in the Kitchen Theatre over the weekend.

A team of trainee chefs led by Frank Thompson from Thanet College will also be providing cooking demonstrations, as will a host of restaurateurs from around Broadstairs.

To wash down the wide variety of tasty cuisines on offer will be beer from Faversham-based brewery Shepherd Neame, which is one of the oldest in the country.

Broadstairs-based pub company Thorley Taverns, will even be creating a unique beer for the festi-

val, which has yet to be named.

Kentish wines will also be celebrated at the festival as well as its orchards and the range of fruit juices, cider and perry they produce.

Locally-grown potatoes and vegetables will be displayed. And the Cheesemakers of Canterbury will have a stand, with its award-winning Ashmore Blue.

Mr Hackney said: "What will make it stand out is that we've got 24 restaurants taking part, plus some very good restaurants in Margate and Ramsgate."

"They are there promoting local produce. Kent has some of the best produce to offer."

"It is in a special location it is actually on Broadstairs seafront, overlooking the sea, which gives it a very lovely location."

He added: "It will be an annual event and in about three years' time it will be a very significant event in the Broadstairs and Thanet calendar."

"We have planned for 10,000 people to come so we are not unambitious, and the BBC will be broadcasting from the event."

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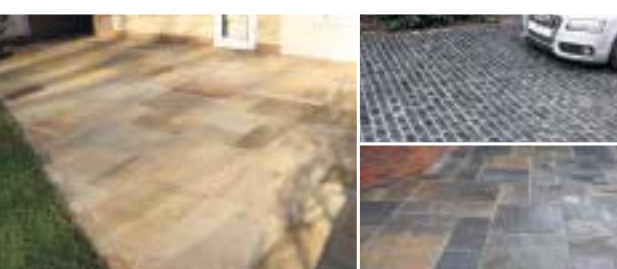
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POLICE are hunting three men who smashed a shop window in Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, and snatched perfume worth thousands of pounds. The gang, all wearing hooded tops, pulled up in a black BMW just after 3.30am on Wednesday. Det Con Neil Martin said: "I want to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident or saw the car."

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Auctioneer tells of clifftop observation post's lost secrets



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COAST WATCH: The views of the Channel from the observation post near Capel-le-Ferne are far reaching and breathtaking

The perfect home for anyone with a bunker mentality

A FORGOTTEN World War Two outpost which sits on a network of abandoned tunnels and a secret hospital is up for sale, *writes Nick Ames.*

The site, which overlooks the English Channel at its narrowest point, has been abandoned since the end of the conflict in 1945. But it is now on offer at auction for between £90,000 and £100,000 and could be turned into a dream home with some of the best views in England. The outpost, on the cliff edge 350ft above sea level, commands a view across Folkestone, along the famous white cliffs and across to France.

It is just a few hundred metres from the Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel-le-Ferne, but is hidden by shrubs and small trees and its presence is largely unknown, even to most locals.

The strongpoint was constructed in the early years of the war to observe enemy shipping and aircraft.

Instructions would then be passed to heavy gun batteries a few miles along the coast at Dover. The bunker consists of one main room – the observers' platform – and two back rooms which would have been living quarters.

All belonged to a family who purchased them from the MoD when the area was sold off in 1984. They did nothing with the property and have now instructed auctioneers Clive Emson to sell at a sale to be held at the Ramada Hotel, Maidstone, on September 21.

"It would make an amazing home with some of the best views of the Channel," said auctioneer Kevin Gilbert.

"It would be subject to planning permission, but as the site is derelict I am sure sympathetic proposals would be listened to."



HIDDEN: Kevin Gilbert at the observation post being auctioned off this month. **INSET:** Scars of time on bunker's inner walls

But the 13.5 acre site which goes with the home also contains a secret.

The property company has obtained pictures of an underground hospital which was dug into the earth on its completion in 1942.

Mr Gilbert said: "We have discovered the hospital dressing station was linked by a tunnel to the surface. But no-one has been able to find exactly where it comes to on the cliff top."

"There was an attempt in the 1980s to excavate it, but this was abandoned for reasons we have not been able to find out. And there's more. Historians say the hospital had another series of tunnels which wound their way down to the bottom of the cliff-face."

"Soldiers wounded in France and evacuated would have been brought across the Channel at its narrowest point and landed at the bottom of the cliffs, where there is a beach."

"They would then be treated at the hidden dressing station half way up and later disbursed to local hospitals."

One of the reasons for this was to avoid damaging civilian morale by treating wounded and disabled soldiers in regular hospitals, where they would be in full view.

So they were initially treated in secret before being dispersed across the country.

Mr Gilbert added: "Whoever buys the site would also own this labyrinth of tunnels and the hospital – but first they would have to find the entrance."

"But if they managed to open them up they would be the first to enter a building which has been undisturbed for more than 60 years."

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Scouts face the axe, but knives are cut

A SCOUT leader is not worried about a new ban on the youngsters carrying penknives – saying they have more accidents with axes and saws, **writes Chris Murphy.**

The national Scout organisation has advised Scout groups across the UK to ban the carrying of penknives because of possible confusion with the law.

In recent years, there has been a massive crackdown on knives following dozens of stabbing attacks and murders.

The Government is currently considering minimum sentences for knife crimes.

For the past decade, they have been running at around three per cent of all crime, and 30 per cent of murders. There is a knife crime every 52 minutes in London alone.

So now the tidal wave of public opinion against youngsters carrying blades has caused the Scout Association to make an announcement in its magazine.

The group tells leaders of Kent's 14,000 Scouts to bar the blades except in "specific" circumstances.

It is legal to carry a knife with blade of less than three inches that can fold away. However, because blades do not come in standard sizes, it would be easy to pick one slightly larger than legal – even by millimetres, said Kent scout leader Tony Woolven.

Accidents

In the scouting magazine, Dave Budd, who runs courses for Scouts on the safe use of blades, said: "Scouts often need a good knife, and in the early days every Scout was encouraged to put a knife on their belt."

He went on: "I think it is safest to assume knives of any sort should not be carried by anybody to a Scout meeting or camp, unless there is likely to be a specific need for one."

"In that case, they should be kept by the Scout leaders and handed out as required."

But Mr Woolven is not too bothered about the new regulation because the carrying of penknives has been much reduced anyway.

He said: "Now we have many more accidents with axes and saws as we chop wood for fires while away on camp."

"We have tried everything to make it safer, like tape off a section of the camp to do the cutting only there, and even using

thick gardening gloves, but still some of the boys manage to cut their hands.

"But this sort of thing is part of growing up. They certainly learn by the experience and won't make the same mistake again."

"I suppose there may be some more acci-

dents if they all carried penknives too, but in truth they just don't any more."

The leader of the 1st St Mary Platt group added: "Knives are part of life, but being without them won't make much difference. It was never a major part of being a Scout."

Success brews in the Far East

BRITAIN'S oldest brewer, Shepherd Neame is celebrating the success of one of its beer brands in the Far East.

Bishops Finger, Kentish Strong Ale has won two major awards for the Faversham brewer at the first Hong Kong International Beer Awards.

Bishops Finger won the best English ale category, and then went on to beat beers from all over the world to win the Best Beer in All Categories Award.

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Ill Benn cancels one-man show

LABOUR stalwart Tony Benn has been forced to cancel a forthcoming appearance in Kent.

The 84-year-old was due to perform his one-man show at Dartford's Orchard theatre on Monday but has been advised by his doctors to pull out. Mr Benn had a pacemaker fitted at the end of July but has now been readmitted to hospital for observation.

Refunds are available by calling 01322 220000.

Petrified puss is saved from tree

FIREFIGHTERS rescued a cat from a tree – ending the miserable moggy's four-day high-rise plight.

The cat was stuck in the tree in Northcote Road, Strood.

The RSPCA looked after the stray and as no owner came forward she has now been found a loving new home.

A spokesman said: "Cats usually get down on their own, but this one had been up there for four days so was clearly stuck."

WIN big with Brand Fusion at Dockside

DO YOU love being active but hate your grotty old trainers?

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We'll look no further than premium sports store Brand Fusion, which opened at Dockside this summer. To celebrate the store opening and to help you tone up after a long lazy summer, Brand Fusion at Dockside has teamed up with KOS Media to offer three lucky readers £100 of vouchers each.

Brand Fusion is always first for fashionable sportswear and footwear with top brands including Lacoste, Kickers, Ted Baker, Kangaroos, MBT and K-Swiss.

At Brand Fusion there really is something for everyone, with a wide range of colours, sizes and styles for all the family.

If you're looking for some great new swimwear to get back into shape, Brand Fusion offers a great selection of the world's favourite swimwear brand Speedo, with selected pieces starting from just £5. You will find a complete range of one-piece, two-piece, shorts and briefs plus accessories, all at unbelievable discount prices only at Brand Fusion.



Three lucky winners will have their choice of £100 of designer sports goods to keep them one step ahead of sports fashions, so why not enter today for your chance to win.

Simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Fusion Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. The closing date is September 23, 2009.

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NATURAL: Charlie Fermor set up Apple Crisps following experiments in his bedroom

Core! What a tasty success

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A YOUNG farmer who launched his Apple Crisps business from his student digs has sold more than 50,000 bags in just one year.

Charlie Fermor, 22, from Wye, near Ashford, was studying agriculture at the University of Reading when he decided to take advantage of the large orchards owned by his family back home.

The result was an entirely natural product that is growing in popularity throughout the country, with pop singer Lily Allen and England cricket star Alastair Cook rumoured to be fans.

Charlie said: "I'm delighted Apple Crisps has taken off. It is the only known company within the UK that actually home-grows, hand-picks and produces dried fruit in an environmentally-friendly manner."

"My dream would be to see the product become even bigger in years to come, with more people exchanging their usual fried brand for my dried, healthier alternative."

"With our country becoming more weight-conscious by the minute, that's certainly not beyond the realms of possibility."

Charlie, whose family owns Perry Court Farm in Wye, says he conducted research into fruit snacks and realised that every

product in the UK had either been fried or imported. He added that the only country that used its own produce to make crisps in a healthy manner was the USA, which uses environmentally-friendly drying machines.

Charlie said: "I had a bit of time on my hands so I bought one of the machines from the States and started experimenting with it in my room at university."

"The crisps I made proved quite popular with my friends and my family were supportive, it's just grown from there."

"I have a factory at the farm but it's only run once a week. We share the labour so the guys who are out in the orchards picking the fruit spend a day in the factory too."

A year on and Apple Crisps – which count as one of the recommended five portions of fruit and vegetables per day – can be purchased in almost 40 independent shops and farmers' markets across the South East.

Charlie is now looking to expand his range to include cherry and strawberry crisps, and says he is happy with the steady pace at which his business is expanding.

He said: "I'm aiming to get them sold in farm shops around the country, but I'm not so keen on the supermarkets yet."

"I might have to one day to really bring the crisps to the masses, but I'll try to hold off on that for as long as possible."



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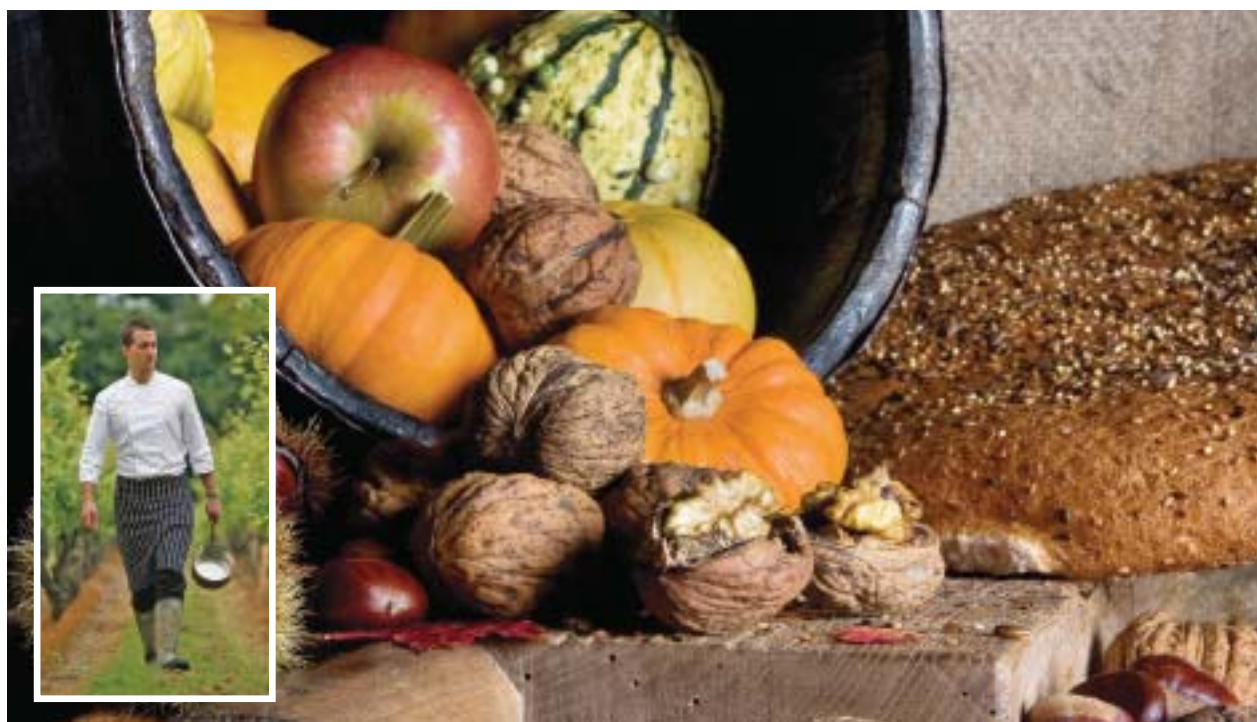


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Fall in love with autumn

I FIND it hard to believe that most of the summer season is already behind us.

The weather has been patchy, which is always a little disappointing, but this has not stopped people dining alfresco, and enjoying barbeques the length and breadth of the country.

As we are celebrating the end of summer I thought I would make this week's recipe a real summer treat and one that, while easy to make, requires a little patience and time. Raspberry shortbread layers is a dish that will leave the taste of summer in your mouth long after the dying embers of the sun have set.

An exciting time for anyone producing their own fruit or veg is close and while we have been able to enjoy a variety of crops through the spring and summer, the onset of autumn will bring harvest time and an abundance of produce to get excited about.

The term autumn is relatively new in the UK and though its roots are based in the Latin Autumnus meaning 'fall', autumn is actually a French word adopted in the UK around the 17th century. Prior to that we used the term adopted by our American cousins, fall. In fact it was the British settlers of the 17th century that took the word fall to the US. Whatever we choose to call the season, there is no doubt that the coming months will see a change in the dishes as we prepare to take advantage of the new season crops.

The coming season is also an important one for many restaurants in Kent, as voting for the annual awards ceremonies begins.

Celebrity chef Richard Phillips continues his series of exclusive articles in support of our Foodforkent.co.uk campaign with a look ahead to the new season

For me as a restaurateur the most important thing is to continue to provide the best food possible in each of my restaurants; the experience of diners far outweighs the recognition of my peers.

Having said that, it is also nice to receive recognition as it is an indication of the hard work being carried out by not only myself but the chefs at the restaurants, the front-of-house staff and everybody involved in keeping them running to the highest possible standards.

This year we are competing in a new award, the Kent Restaurant Awards run by OrderOnlineNow as well as Produced in Kent's own award for Kent Restaurant of the Year.

Life for me is as hectic as ever, and for once I have been looking outside of Kent in search of new ventures to work on, and the end of September will see me launch a new restaurant called Richard Phillips at Oddfellows in Chester.

This is a consultant chef role for me and will see me working closely with the team in Chester to bring a fine dining experience into a wonderful building in the heart of the city.

The lead up to the opening of any restaurant is always an exciting time. Plans invariably change and the unforeseen usually makes itself well and truly apparent, but it's all part of the challenge. With only a short lead time until we open the doors it always amazes me that everything will come together in time, but it does.

In some respects it is like chasing a season as it closes and welcoming a new season as it approaches. Our opening night is planned for Wednesday, September 23, which ironically is the autumn equinox.

Don't forget, if you have any questions relating to the recipes or food in general, or just want some tips in preparing food I would love to answer them. You can write to me direct at the newspaper or send an email to richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk.

Richard Phillips



Raspberry shortbread layers dessert recipe

Serves 6

2 x punnets of raspberries, raspberry couli

For the shortbread paste: 400g unsalted butter, 200g caster sugar, 1 egg yolk, 500g plain flour
Cream the butter and sugar together in a round-bottom bowl. Add the egg yolk and mix in lightly.

Then add the flour. Mix in with fingers to a crumb texture. Rub together on the work surface to create a smooth paste. Wrap in cling film and leave to rest for 12 hours.

Roll out the paste to about 3mm thick. Cut with a fluted cutter, then leave to rest in the fridge for approx 10min.

Place onto a non-stick baking tray and bake in a pre-heated oven at 170°C until a light sand colour. Too much colour will result in it being bitter.

Pastry Cream: 6 egg yolks, 75g caster sugar, 50g plain flour, 400ml milk, 1 vanilla pod (split and deseeded), 25ml raspberry liquor

In a pan, cream the egg yolks and sugar together, then mix in the flour.

Bring the milk, vanilla pod to the boil in a separate pan, then pour a little into the egg yolk pan, whisking until smooth. Add the remainder of the liquid, and cook over a gentle heat, stirring to a smooth cream, for no longer than 5 minutes. Then add the strawberry liquor.

Allow to cool for a few hours.

To assemble: Mix the raspberries with a tablespoon of raspberry couli.

Place one piece of shortbread into the centre of the plate. Place the raspberries onto the shortbread then a small amount of the pastry cream into the centre. Repeat this process to create another layer. Then place another sheet of shortbread on the top.

Dust with icing sugar, garnish with half a raspberry on the top. Drizzle a small amount of couli around and then serve.

Raise a glass or two on walk

TOP tipples across the county can be enjoyed by foot, thanks to a brand new wine trail launched by Produced in Kent.

The free trail, called Red, White & Brut, covers 4.7 miles, passing pubs, restaurants, hotels and even a vineyard, to allow users to sample Kent's best wines.

Walkers will start at Camer Park, in Gravesend, and set off into the area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, passing through Meopham Valley vineyard on the way. The trail can be followed on a leaflet, which includes a timeline charting the rise of the wine making industry.

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KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

We should all be proud of soldiers

WHILE opinion is split over whether or not British soldiers should be fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, few will argue they are doing an excellent job and deserve our support.

If proof were needed of this claim, look no further than the achievements of men like Acting Warrant Officer John Lester, who this week received The Queen's Gallantry Medal.

Like many soldiers, A/WO Lester puts his life on the line on an almost daily basis and deserves our praise for his courage.

Kent has a rich military history and it is fantastic to see so many of the soldiers based here being recognised for their efforts. The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment and the Royal Gurkha Rifles were both well represented in this year's honours.

Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth could not have put it better when he said that these men were not only the pride of the British Armed Forces, but the pride of Britain.

A bite of success

AS WELL as being home to some of Britain's finest soldiers, Kent seems to be the place for top-quality restaurants and chefs, too.

This year's Good Food Guide has lavished praise on a number of the county's eateries, going so far as to name Whitstable's Stephen Harris the best chef in the UK.

But news of their successes should not come as too big a surprise when you consider the wealth of excellent local produce at their disposal. This is the Garden of England after all.

OPINION:

Higher degree of optimism

Students should count their blessings, instead of fretting over rising debts, says Dan Stanley



THE coming fortnight will mark a significant time for many students, as they prepare to flee the parental home and begin further study at one of Britain's illustrious universities.

Some will be school leavers and others, like me, will be regarded as 'mature', but all share a common goal: to graduate and get a well-paid job. Well, that's the plan.

A cynic might say these 'freshers' will not be motivated solely by the library and study sessions. But as the parties and binge drinking subside, how many will stop to analyse just how much it has cost them? How many realise the Government will not be forgetting that comfortable sum that used to grace their bank accounts every three months?

The recent Push survey declared the average student in England will accumulate debt at a rate of more than £5,000 a year, significantly higher than in Scotland and Wales.

London, of course, tops the chart, with the average student reporting debts upwards of £30,000, a figure that will continue to rise.

The cause lies mainly with the introduction of a raised cap on tuition fees, meaning what would have cost £1,145 a term in 2005 now costs upwards of £3,000.

Although the Government offers a tuition fee loan to counteract this rise and ensure students from poorer backgrounds

still have access to higher education, it's the students themselves who inevitably pay the price.

The tuition fee system certainly seems to be edging to the days of old, where rich students got access to further education and the working class did what was expected and simply worked.

So, as a mature student with previous debts going into my second year of study, I am begged the question, is my degree worth the money? The answer is yes, with no doubt in my mind.

The short-term benefits of a degree are seldom realised by those graduating, especially with the recruitment industry the way it is, but the longer-term outlook is far brighter, with graduate schemes offering a fast track to management, bringing with it higher pay.

Couple this with the greater opportunity to work abroad and I would say the average student leaves university with far healthier prospects than entering. One

thing that should also be noted is student debt differs to debt in the conventional sense, as repayment will not be expected unless you earn more than £15,000 per year. There will be no agency sending letters demanding money if you are jobless or homeless. Add to this the zero per cent interest rate from this year onwards and you see why it is commonly understood that nothing is secured to student debt but the stigma of failing your degree with thousands of pounds having been piled in.

It's inevitable debt will dissuade many mature students who, in the current economic climate, need no further reasons to tighten the belt. However, mature students get significantly more financial support than the average school leaver, some of which is given as a grant which doesn't have to be paid back.

In fact, it has never been a better time for a mature student to enter the forum of student life,

with many universities offering segregated societies to ensure like-minded interaction when you arrive. So what does the future hold after graduation?

Currently the outlook is bleak, with rising numbers of graduates left by the wayside while employers scrap graduate schemes in a bid to reduce costs.

The figure of 6.2 per cent of students still jobless six months after graduating pales in comparison with the 12 per cent experienced a decade ago.

There is hope, however, as this week recruitment agencies announced an increase in available jobs breathing new life into a limp economy.

So as the economy does start to pick up, it's up to this year's graduates to be ready to pounce when those jobs do find their way to the outer reaches of Kent.

• **Dan Stanley, 25, is a mature student from Gillingham. He is studying journalism at the University of Sussex.**

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The gathering gloom

This month sees the end of being able to buy 100-watt tungsten light bulbs on environmental grounds, with all tungsten bulbs to be banned from sale soon.

The Government says we should all be using low-energy light bulbs, despite the many health problems they can cause such as being a migraine trigger. My wife is one of the people affected.

The Government says it's not that a big problem. I'm sorry, but if you are one of the people affected it's a very big problem.

Migraines can leave people ill for days. The Government banned smoking in public places on health grounds, but is now damaging people's health with this legislation.

To say it is crucial for the environment and yet go ahead with airport expansions would be laughable if it was not so tragic.

There are other ways emissions could be cut if it was really serious about combating global warming, such as reducing packaging and improving public transport.

This is heavy-handed legislation when the commonsense approach would be to allow the sale of 25, 40, and 60-watt bulbs for people who choose to buy them.

I have looked at the alternatives. LEDs do not give the spread of light and the only other option is halogen bulbs, which are very hot and still do not give an even spread of light. There is also the issue of disposing of low-energy bulbs – which contain mercury, among other things.

I fear many bulbs will end up with the general rubbish causing health risks and pollution for generations to come. Whatever happened to freedom of choice?

Alex Hills, Gravesend

Confusion over care

Your article on therapy for the mentally ill (September 6) was substantially misleading. There is subtle confusion between common

Cardiac rehab is essential

As a heart patient, I was stunned to read about the appalling lack of cardiac rehabilitation provision in the region.

According to a new report by the British Heart Foundation, only 34 per cent of heart attack sufferers received cardiac rehabilitation across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Heart patients who do not take part in cardiac rehabilitation are at significantly higher risk of dying in the years following their diagnosis. Ten years ago the

Government promised to tackle this problem together with local health authorities, but there still isn't a single programme in the country that meets minimum staffing requirements.

Cardiac rehab costs just £600 and can buy a heart patient extra years with their friends and families. I urge other readers to visit bhf.org.uk/cardiacrehab and help ensure heart patients get the support they need.

Stuart Sheldon, Broadstairs

mental health problems and serious mental health problems, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

The latter require greater intensity, expertise and time. The Layard report identified that in the UK there is a shortage of 10,000 therapists; 2,000 for serious mental illness and 8,000 for common mental illness.

On a pro rata basis, this means 55 in Kent for serious cases, and 220 for those of a common nature.

The care numbers in Kent based on national statistics are: serious mental health cases 45,000; common mental health cases 220,000.

A total of 265,000. Carers are not therefore reassured by the statements in your story.

They are the ones involved, for obvious reasons, with the serious cases. Neither should anyone else be. The provision numbers need to fit the caseload to satisfy quantity, quality and intensity. Not just token

delivery which, of course, can be misleading.

It was made quite clear in the consultation process that carers strongly felt talking therapy for their service users was substantially inadequate, despite official treatment guidelines calling for its inclusion, as it is a necessary, evidence-based treatment.

A E Wright,

Rethink voluntary support group, Sevenoaks

Activists show the way

The Climate Camp at Blackheath offered unspoiled views towards Canary Wharf. Riot police were not needed.

Our salvation could come from sharing the values of climate change activists.

Their wind turbines on Blackheath were enough for their modest needs. The compost loos didn't smell, unlike the few municipal

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toilets still functioning. The protesters are special in their courage, fortitude and determination despite official denigration and police aggression. Legal protests only brought inappropriate over-reaction of heavy-handed socially unacceptable bureaucracy.

Why should the struggling taxpayers fund the socially useless G20 and corporate interests at Kingsnorth? When will the public recognise political parties are superfluous.

Backward politicians are failing to do their duty and wilfully jeopardising our future stability and safety by control freakery, incompetence and cover-ups.

Rita Grootendorst, Sidcup

Vote for a new England

Martin Clarke's letter (September 6) about reforms by the new Mayor of Doncaster in the way the council spends its money, failed to mention he is the first elected mayor of the English Democrats Party.

As Mr Clarke says, we could do with more like him.

Sadly, the English people seem to wallow in apathy and either do not vote, or continue to vote for the same major two parties, both locally and nationally, that have spent decades muddling through and squandering money, because it always has the easy option of raising taxation.

Recent events over MPs' expenses seem not to have dulled the appetite of voters for more of the same. Yet there are more political party choices than ever before.

Perhaps the people of Doncaster have more sense and have shown the lead for a better future for all of us.

Come the next election, let's have a party fit for purpose for the 21st century, for there has never been a better time to kick out the present bunch of corrupt hypocrites and all those that they drag along with them.

Terry Hudson, Herne Bay

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Richard and Justine celebrate the birth of their son Joshua John on 16th August 2009 weighing 7lb 10oz.

CARTER

Jasmine born on 2nd September 2009, weighing 7lbs 14oz. Daughter to Suzanne and Kevin Carter and sister to Lewis in Maidstone.

FOREMAN

Lyndsey and Paul Foreman celebrate the birth of their son Harry Michael Foreman on 27th August 2009.

HILLS

Lorraine Pettman and Stewart Hills celebrate the birth of their son Charlie William Hills on 5th September 2009 at 2:45am.

ISARD

Esme born on the 20th August 2009 weighing 6lbs 12ozs. Daughter to James and Angela of Hawkinge.

LORD

William Joseph born 18th August 2009 weighing 3lbs 7oz. Son to Ben and Jenny Lord of Maidstone.

NEAL

Oliver John Neal born on 13th August 2009.

Weighing 7lb 3oz. Son to Sarah and Jamie and brother to Jack in Aylesford.

NICHOLLS

Teresa and Peter Nicholls celebrate the birth of their son James Edward Nicholls on 1st September 2009. Baby brother to Jonathon.

PENFOLD

Taylah-Louise born on 28th August 2009. Beautiful daughter to Rebecca of Sittingbourne. Sister to Leonie-May.

THREADGILL / QUALEY

Tilly-Rose born on 28th August 2009 weighing 8lbs 2oz. Daughter to Sophie Threadgill and Luke Qualey in Maidstone.

WEBB

Poppy Hannah born on 24th August 2009 at the William Harvey Hospital Ashford, weighing 7lbs 13oz. Daughter to Bryan and Sophie Webb.

DEATHS

BEENEY

Edward Beene passed away on 5th September 2009, aged 75. Dearly loved father of Tina, Jackie, Rosie, Ted, George, and grand children.

JARVIS

William (Bill) Thomas Jarvis died suddenly at home on August 30th 2009 aged 85 years. Sadly missed by all the family and friends. Funeral 14th September 11.00 am at Gravesend Cemetery Chapel, Old Road West. Flowers c/o Morris and Partners.

LYLE

Vi Lyle died calmly during the night of 8th September 2009 aged 85 years. Her cheerful disposition and active life still inspires us all. Loving grandmother to Mark, George, Annabel and Oliver. A champion of Short Mat Bowls and much more! Funeral service to be held at 9.30am on 17th September at Vinters Park Crematorium. Donations to Cancer Research via Pickard and Beale 01622 677155.

McINTOSH

Hilda Mary McIntosh, late of 31 Bell Grove, Aylesham, died 30/08/2009 peacefully at home. Much loved lady. Mother, Grandmother and Greatgrandmother.

McMILLAN

Albert Sidney McMillan (Mac/Bert) passed away peacefully on Thursday 3rd September 2009 aged

88. Dearly loved father of Sharon, grandfather of Simon and Angela, and great grandfather of George. Funeral service at All Saints Church St Marys Bay at 11am on Monday 28th September. No flowers please, donations to RAF Association or British Legion or Pilgrims Hospice c/o Chittendens Funeral Services Hythe, 01303 262762

OLDCORN

Jenny Oldcorn of St Benedicts Nursing Home, Glastonbury, Somerset, passed away peacefully on the 7th September 2009 aged 93 years. Step mother of David Edward Oldcorn. Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium on Thursday September 24th at 12.00 noon. Donations to Cancer Research please. She will be sadly missed.

SEATH

Paul, passed away peacefully at the Eleanor Lions Hospice on August 27th aged 80. Funeral has taken place. All enquiries to Lewis Solomon 01474 352261.

WAGHORN

Herbert George aged 86 passed away peacefully at Kippington Nursing Home Sevenoaks on the 29th August 2009. No flowers. Donations to Diabetes UK or Osteoporosis Society.

first-rate railway system for very simple reasons. Not only is it the most efficient and most environmentally friendly way of travel and for keeping communities together; maintained properly it's an immeasurable economic asset – as Shepway will soon witness.

Elections are about hard choices and distinguishing bluff from reality.

The reality is that Dr Beeching, under the Tories, savaged our railways. That reality turned into a nightmare when the last Conservative government, under Michael Howard and David Cameron, rushed through the privatisation of British Rail and led it down the track of bankruptcy.

The bluff is that a future Tory government would treat the railways any differently.

Labour's reality is that investment for the future is at the heart of our economic strategy and has been for the past decade, as the high-speed link – a service I intend to use regularly if elected – is testimony to.

No spurious second home allowance for me, with a commute to work in Westminster of less than an hour.

Donald Worsley, Labour parliamentary candidate, Folkestone and Hythe

DNA database stigma

The Government's DNA database holder has revealed 298 young people on the streets of Britain have DNA samples taken from them every day and placed on the database.

The National Policing Improvement Agency, responding to a Freedom of Information Act request from the Liberal Democrats, said it now holds over a million DNA samples from young people.

The DNA samples, taken from children as young as 10, have been kept regardless of whether or not the children were charged with any crime. The DNA is then stored alongside data on each young person's 'ethnic appearance,' sex and age. In 2009 alone, police forces have taken DNA from 54,311 'subject profiles' aged between 10 and 17.

This is despite the European Court of Human Rights last December ruling that stockpiling the DNA taken using mouth swabs of 850,000 innocent people was unlawful. In response, the Government has only offered a partial climbdown, ordering the police to not store the DNA from children younger than 10 years old.

The professor who developed the genetic techniques that contributed to the database's development has attacked the Government for keeping innocent people's DNA. Sir Alec Jeffreys said the practice caused innocent people to be "branded as criminals".

The Metropolitan Police are the worst culprits, stockpiling the DNA from 144,487 young people collected over the last decade. The capital's police force takes DNA from an average of 13, 10 to 14-year-olds on the streets of the capital every single day.

Lib Dem shadow home secretary Chris Huhne has attacked the national DNA database as "ludicrous and ineffective" after the Government was forced to admit DNA from a baby had been placed on the national database.

Storing the DNA of thousands of innocent people as young as 10 is unlikely to solve our crime problems, but is a costly way of stigmatising young people. If you're innocent, you shouldn't have data on who you are kept for years.

Kent Police have taken DNA from nine children and teenagers every single day in the last 10 years. I would like to know exactly how this information has helped to tackle crime and the fear of crime.

Lib Dems will also appeal against the National Policing Improvement Agency's refusal to release information on the DNA samples according to 'ethnic appearance'.

I am highly concerned that if you are a young person of a certain appearance, you are more likely to suffer the indignity of having your DNA snatched from you, which is unlikely to help police relations with the communities it serves.

Dr Alan Bullion, Lib Dem parliamentary spokesman for Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells

Led to the slaughter

Animal Aid has just released footage taken secretly at three randomly chosen English abattoirs, which offers an unprecedented close-up of the true inner workings of typical British slaughterhouses.

In the stun rooms, we filmed terrified sheep and pigs running in circles, looking for an exit or trying to make themselves invisible behind the hoist.

Two sheep were so desperate to escape they leapt through the hatch into the slaughter area, where they landed in the blood pit below their bleeding and shackled mates.

Many animals were partially stunned and left writhing or convulsing on the floor, while the stun operator ignored their plight. We filmed ewes being stunned while their young suckled them.

The lambs – no bigger than cats – were then stunned, hoisted and had their throats cut. Animals were kicked, hit, goaded, sworn at and stood on. The film we obtained dispenses of the myth that slaughter in the UK is, or can ever be, humane.

A 10-minute film and full report documenting the findings of the investigation can be found on www.animalaid.org.uk.

Kate Fowler, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

Gap year volunteering

As the dust settles after A-level results and people are wondering what step to take next, I would recommend taking a gap year to try out new things.

You will never again be as free as you are now, with no major financial commitments or family constraints.

At the end of year 13, after spending some time travelling round the Far East, I signed up to volunteer with Community Service Volunteers (CSV).

I spent three months in Cambridge supporting a child with learning difficulties. I then moved to London to help run CSV's Young at Heart project, which focuses on breaking down barriers between the generations.

I organise events to help different generations gain from each other's skills. I'm gaining experience in project management, marketing and media as well as living in London on the cheap as CSV pays my expenses and provides an allowance.

The world has more to offer than university places and I think every young person should have the opportunity to try something else that challenges their expectations about the world of work. To find out more, go to www.csv.org.uk/gapyear or call 0800 374 991

Julian Vicary, aged 19, Young at Heart, CSV

No return to barbarism

The news that celebrity chef Clarissa Dickson-Wright has been convicted for her involvement in illegal hare coursing should act as a timely reminder that this barbaric activity could become legal again in the UK if some candidates in the forthcoming general election have their way.

The Conservative Party has promised a free vote on repeal of the Hunting Act if it gets in to power.

Not only will this allow fox hunting to be carried out legally but it will also bring back the coursing of hares for sport.

The Liberal Democrats, on the other hand, have said that repeal of the Hunting Act is not on their agenda, and Labour is proposing stricter enforcement.

Coursing involves two dogs chasing and killing hares while spectators bet on the outcome of various aspects of the chase and kill. What is a sure bet though is that the hare will suffer both before and during the event.

So as we move towards the next general election, it is worth asking your candidate their view on repeal and asking yourself, do you trust a politician who supports the killing and torturing of wild animals for sport?

Joshua Kaile, League Against Cruel Sports

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They've a lot to learn

Tory councillors in Medway have been telling Ridge Meadow parents the decision to close the school was forced on them by the Government.

This comes as no surprise. They have been blaming the Government since Medway's Tory cabinet first proposed the closure of Ridge Meadow in May.

In fact, the schools standards minister recently reminded Medway's Tories that the Government devolved decision-making on school organisation to a local level in the 1998 School Standards and Framework Act.

The decision to close schools is being made by the Tory cabinet in Medway.

The Government is not forcing the council to do anything and the advice is being completely misinterpreted.

If the Tories really believe the Government is making them close Ridge Meadow and four other schools, why don't they stand up and fight for local communities, along with Labour councillors and MPs?

Surely that would have far greater credibility than saying that the Government is making them close good schools.

The Tories can show they really do oppose the closures by voting with the Labour group at the meeting on September 24, to stop the closures. And if the Tories meant what they said on the doorsteps recently, the new Tory councillor for Luton and Wayfield could show his support by calling publicly for Ridge Meadow to be saved and by urging his new colleagues to support the Labour proposals.

Cllr Bill Esterson, Labour spokesman, Children's Services, Medway Council

Diplomas' head start

Education is changing. This week, as thousands of young people returned to the classroom after the summer break, many will be studying the 14-19 Diplomas.

For the first time, young people have the option of taking Diplomas in manufacturing and product design; business, administration and finance; environmental and land-based studies; hospitality and hair and beauty.

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Sir Alan Jones, chairman emeritus, Toyota UK; Group Capt Gordon Bruce, inspector of recruiting, RAF; Alan Johnson, head of British Gas Academy (and 22 others)

Don't derail progress

The arrival of the high-speed rail service to Folkestone on September 7 is a historic event we should celebrate for decades to come.

It surely is the turning point in the district's fortunes and heralds the rebirth of Folkestone and Shepway.

Cutting the travelling time by rail from Folkestone to London to less than an hour is an economic boost that will create thousands of jobs and put Shepway in the vanguard of the most desirable places to live in Britain.

An opportunity almost lost when the Tories' ill-conceived Railtrack went bust with debts of billions and had to be rescued by the Labour Government. Labour has always believed in a



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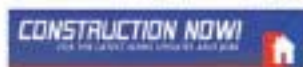
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Darwin trip Down Under for environment students

STUDENTS from a Kent university are jetting off to Australia to take part in a project celebrating Charles Darwin and how his work can be used to tackle today's environmental challenges.

The trio, who are studying for an MSc in environmental conservation at the University of Greenwich at Medway, have been doing research at Down House in Downe, near Orpington, where Darwin lived and worked for 40 years.

To mark the 200th anniversary of his birth and the 150th anniversary of his seminal work *On the Origin of Species*, a Charles Darwin Symposium is being held in Darwin, Australia, from September 22-24, and the Kent students will be among those attending.

Representatives from the university and the laboratory will also be going on the trip and will join fellow conservationists from Charles Darwin University in Australia's Northern Territory and Kakadu National Park, which is a World Heritage Site, in September to share their knowledge.

The students will be taking part in the symposium and the international evolution and biodiversity workshops there. At the national parks they will meet with managers and indigenous rangers to learn about the landscape and heritage management.

They will be working with staff and students from the School of Environmental and Life Sciences, the School of Indigenous Knowledge Systems, and the United National University Centre of Traditional Knowledge, which are all based at the Charles Darwin University.

Places available

PLACES are still available to study engineering and science at the University of Greenwich's Medway campus.

The university said it fielded thousands of calls through clearing after A-level results and still has limited places available.

Bev Woodhams, head of recruitment, said: "Most courses are filling up fast and some, especially those leading to a profession, are full. But there is always a little bit of adjustment in the last few weeks, so it is worth phoning the hotline – 0800 005 006 – to check vacancies."

For more information go to www.gre.ac.uk.

Bite into business

A DRAGONS' Den-style initiative has been launched to encourage Neets in the South East to get entrepreneurial.

The 130,000 16 to 24-year-olds who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (Neets) in the South East have been urged to enter a competition, which could see them winning £5,000 in cash as well as mentoring and support.

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The Dreamland Trust has secured funding to commence work on the development of detailed proposals for a unique eight-acre tourist attraction. Phase One of the project, worth £12.4m, will create the world's first amusement park to solely feature thrilling historic rides and will be centred on the Grade II-listed Scenic Railway roller coaster. The second phase will involve the restoration of the Grade II*-listed Dreamland Cinema building as a multi-purpose entertainment venue, creating a national centre for seaside heritage, popular culture and street style.

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Closing date: 2 October 2009.

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Closing date: 19 October 2009.

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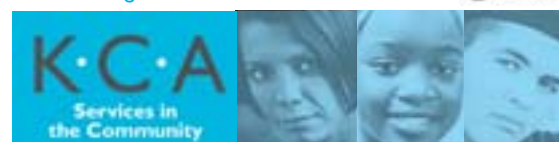
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It's the time to make a move

NOW is a great time to buy your brand new dream home.

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A new range of incentives, mortgage offers and government initiatives have been launched to help potential purchasers find

the funds to buy their dream home.

These include the Government HomeBuy schemes in which purchasers need only find a proportion of the asking price to secure their new homes.

Also, there are builder-led part-exchange schemes and help with deposits, moving and legal costs – and lots more.

New homes also offer fantastic value in terms of energy efficiency, security and

design – both internal and external.

They are a blank canvas, allowing you to stamp your own mark and personality on what is the most important purchase of your life.

So with interest in the market increasing and the supply of new homes decreasing, it may not be too long before house prices start to rise again – so timing is everything and now is the moment to secure your dream.



*A message from
David Pretty CBE,
chairman of the
New Homes
Marketing Board*

THIS supplement has been produced to guide you through what's great about new homes today – and why now is the time to buy.

Within these pages you will learn about some of the unbeatable deals our housebuilders can offer in these tough economic times.

You will meet some of the people who took advantage of those offers, and find out why they are glad they did.

We know that people are still keen to own their own homes, because we have commissioned independent surveys to find out.

Our own recent YouGov polls demonstrated that, despite the recession, almost nine out of 10 Britons believe buying their own home is a sensible investment in their future.

Today, as a result of the wider housing market downturn, new homes have become much more affordable.

Prices are down and the additional 'new build premium' – the extra charge for a brand new, pristine home – has disappeared, for the time being at least.

Big savings

Compare the cost of moving into a new home, with their modern and stylish kitchens and bathrooms and many extras included in the price – all fresh and ready to live in.

This invariably represents a big saving when compared with buying a second-hand property.

It is also worth remembering that new homes really are 'green' homes. Built to the latest environmental requirements, new homes are not only better for the planet but a lot easier on the pocket.

As we show here, energy-efficient new homes are much cheaper to run and maintain.

You will also find information on how to get the best mortgage deal – especially if you are a first-time buyer – and how to get the optimum package of help and guidance from your housebuilder.

There's comment from industry leaders and information about how to find what is currently available from housebuilders – the businesses represented by the New Homes Marketing Board and sponsors of New Homes Week 2009.

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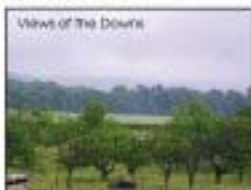
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Good reasons to buy new

By ALISON CORK

TIMING is everything in life, and while no-one quite has a handle on when the economy will recover, there appears to be a general consensus that the property market has gone as low as it is likely to.

In other words, if you stick to the golden rules of property purchase, namely, do you like the property and can you really afford it, then now is almost certainly a great time to buy.

Having decided to take the plunge, the next big question is old versus new.

And while period properties will always find their market, there are increasing numbers of compelling reasons to opt for a new build.

First and most obviously, the simple matter of choice. Our stock of period property is finite and architecturally speaking, well defined.

Someone contemplating a brand new home however, can choose from an ever-growing and sophisticated array of stock – houses, flats, starkly contemporary, mock period, eco-friendly – and many variations in between; each designed bespoke with a specific type of householder in mind, be it families, couples, single people, professional people or first-time buyers.

This also has an impact in terms of the sense of community, as like-minded people will be drawn to particular environments, for example a development aimed at providing family accommodation; all of which brings residual benefits to homeowners in terms of local amenities and community values, quite additional to that of living in the property itself.



Then there is the issue of practicality and freedom of design. New houses are unconstrained by what has been before, or at least, can take the best of the past and merge it with the advances of the present and future.

Building design is constantly reinventing itself with more sophisticated materials and build techniques, most obviously reflected in kitchen and bathroom design, and provision of space for storage, parking and garaging.

Blank canvas

Also, 21st century home dwellers work more from home, and this is also an important part of what a new build can accommodate and refine.

Better yet, a new home represents a blank canvas in terms of design and customisation – developers are now routinely offering a bespoke finishing service, and at competitive prices.

A new home means that there are no previous DIY disasters to uncover and rectify, all of which invariably cost more than people anticipate and budget for.

And of course there is the additional benefit and comfort of the 10-year building warranty that a new home will carry.



ECO-FRIENDLY: Greener properties are just one of the benefits of opting for a new-build home

Sustainability is also a core issue. As approximately half of all EU energy consumption comes from its buildings, new build can play a valuable part in reducing our carbon footprint, by using recycled materials and energy efficient technologies.

Moreover, new homes are more cost-effective to run, easily maintained and provide a healthier environment.

And sustainability is constantly being refined

– the average new home is considerably more energy efficient than it was just 30 years ago! And, on average, 60 per cent more efficient than older homes.

• *Alison Cork is known to millions of homeowners for her expertise in property and interiors, the journalist, author and TV presenter writes for The Telegraph and London Evening Standard and is a regular pundit on ITV's This Morning.*

Why a brand new home is the best option for you

THE standard of home building in the UK has never been higher and annual surveys show that it continues to improve.

Indeed, home builders are investing massively in the quality of their new homes. New home buyers appreciate this commitment, and here are their top reasons for choosing to buy brand new:

- Brand new means a perfectly fresh new start

- New homes are 'greener' – saving you money
- Less chain, less stress, less hassle!
- Spoilt for choice – all shapes and sizes
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- Peace of mind with a 10-year warranty
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- Higher specification than older properties
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"Then for the first two years any problem picked up in a new home that does not meet our technical standards must be rectified by the builder at no cost to the homeowner.

"A key benefit of the 10-year cover is that if

you are not satisfied with your builder's response to a problem, NHBC has a free, independent resolution service to make sure that defects are put right in accordance with our technical standards.

"During years three to 10 of the cover, the Buildmark warranty protects against a range of structural defects and additional items, such as double-glazing, internal plastering and staircases.

"As well as providing the Buildmark warranty for new homes, NHBC raises standards for new homebuyers by maintaining a register of 20,000 builders, setting the construction standards for new homes and carrying out spotcheck inspections of every new home registered with us."

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THERE are many advantages to buying a brand new home, including knowing that new homes are becoming more and more eco-friendly.

Buying a new home brings a series of great benefits to you as the purchaser, from the 10-year warranty to the safe knowledge that the materials achieve the highest standards of quality and sustainability.

New homes are covered by warranties that give buyers protection against defects, normally for 10 years. Most homes are covered by the National House-Building Council's (NHBC) Buildmark warranty, but there are other organisations offering similar protection such as Zurich, Premier Guarantee, LABC and Build-Zone.

UK housebuilding methods, materials and workmanship go from strength to strength. These ensure that every aspect of every home has been designed and constructed to conform to the most recent building regulations and the highest standards.

Increasingly, all the materials used in new homes – from the roof to the foundations – conform to specific requirements that make homes 'sustainable'.

Housebuilders and Government are work-

ing on the green agenda to ensure new homes are eco-friendly and built with the environment in mind.

Bricks, concrete blocks and roof tiles are made in plants that have been highly tuned to save energy, conserve water and recycle materials.

The timber that housebuilders and timber-frame makers use comes largely from sustainable northern European forests which are fully accredited because they comply with all the requirements of timber supply and demand.

And more and more top quality recycled materials are being used in new houses because this helps place less strain on our planet's finite resources and helps reduce the energy required in the overall manufacturing process of many products.

Standards

One example of efficient recycling is in the plastic or PVCu window industry where the manufacturers are now taking out first generation windows, recycling the material and producing products and systems which are highly efficient and have a further, considerable design life.

Whether they are new materials or recycled ones they are all carefully monitored and tested to make sure they meet the rigorous specifications that are helping to continually drive up standards and quality.

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According to Julie: "We knew we were throwing our money away on rented accommodation but we thought we had no choice.

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Finding the right mortgage



SUE ANDERSON of the Council of Mortgage Lenders stresses that despite rumours to the contrary, there are mortgages available and a variety of deals to help you buy your new home

SINCE the credit crunch, the volume of mortgage lending has fallen. But don't worry, there is still finance available.

Provided you are able to demonstrate your commitment and ability to keep up the payments on your new home, then you should be able to get a mortgage to help you buy it.

Some people will be lucky enough not to need a mortgage at all.

But if you are a first-time buyer, or anyone else who hasn't built up savings or housing equity yet, then one of the things you may be concerned about is raising a deposit to put down on your home.

These days lenders typically require buyers to put down at the very least 10 per cent of the value of the new home from their own resources. And, nowadays, usually a lot more.

This protects the lender if you default, but it also gives you a comfort blanket of 'equity' in your property, which is helpful in protecting your own financial position too if something unexpected should happen.

So how can you raise a deposit? The traditional route is through savings, and many

would-be first-time buyers stay at the 'hotel' of mum and dad and build up savings before making a decision to buy.

Other people will potentially be able to sell their existing home and release equity to use as a deposit.

But if you haven't yet managed to build up a big savings pot, there may still be ways of making the most of what you've got.

One obvious route to consider is whether a shared equity scheme may help you. Schemes such as Homebuy Direct (information available on the www.directgov.com website) or other similar schemes from developers, can allow you to buy a percentage of your new home with the option to buy the rest at a later date.

The builder, sometimes in conjunction with a housing association, effectively subsidises the remainder of the value for a period of time.

Under such schemes, the lender is still likely to want you to put down a deposit – but the size of the deposit that you will need will be smaller.

Innovative solutions

Lenders are also innovative at offering mortgages targeted at different people. If you have a large deposit to put down, and a good payment history on any previous mortgage or

credit commitments, you are likely to have a good choice of deals.

If you have a smaller deposit (which is riskier for a lender), then you may possibly have parents or family members who have savings and are willing to help you.

You may want to look at other options that may make your mortgage cheaper, such as those which enable other family members to keep their savings but use them to help you, either through a linked offset account or a linked savings account.

An example of this is the Lloyds 'Lend a Hand' mortgage. It's worth keeping your eyes open for other variations of this type.

Risks and rewards

At the same time, it's important for you to think about the risks, as well as the potential rewards, of buying and borrowing.

You can reduce your risks in many ways, both in terms of the mortgage you choose (fixed or capped rates will give you greater certainty about your future payments than a variable rate, for example, which may be important if you don't have much disposable income left over after paying your regular commitments), and in terms of insurance to

protect both your property and your payments if something unexpected happens to you, such as illness, injury or unemployment.

The industry regulator, the Financial Services Authority, has some good consumer guides about homebuying and mortgages on its website at www.fsa.gov.uk (under the consumer information heading) to help you think about these important issues.

Lenders' websites and branches contain comprehensive information about their mortgages.

Mortgage matters

- Check out guidelines on the Financial Services Authority's website www.money-madeclear.fsa.gov.uk/hubs/home_mortgages.html
- If your deposit's small, consider shared equity such as HomeBuy Direct
- Make sure your lender fully understands your financial position
- The larger the deposit the better the mortgage deal
- Innovative mortgages enable family members to help by linking with their savings

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The benefits of the latest technology

➤ By ROSALIND RUSSELL

DOES your bath recognise you when you climb into it? Does it tell you the outdoor weather conditions in the morning, or if you have email waiting?

I thought not. There is more: bath taps with facial recognition technology can also identify the user and set the water temperature and flow volume to your preferred setting. There are multiple settings, to accommodate the preferences of each member of the family.

And for good measure, it will also check your calendar appointments via its touch screen for you as you soak.

While this kind of luxury – available in the USA – may be a little advanced for the average British bathroom, it's bound to come.

Innovations

And like many lifestyle ideas, the chances are the early adopters (as lifestyle pioneers are known in the marketing trade) will be UK new home builders.

They have been quick to introduce energy and money-saving innovations which would be much more expensive and disruptive to install in an older, pre-owned home.

New homes are on average, up to 60 per cent more energy efficient than older houses, so producing lower energy bills.

It is estimated it costs at least £22,000 to bring an old house up to the standard of a new home. By buying new, you save on renovation costs and enjoy your weekends.

Besides, there's no greater thrill than knowing you are the first person to live in a property. There's no emotional baggage and no-one else's dodgy DIY.

Like the smell of a just-off-the-production-line car, the freshness of a brand new house can never be reproduced in a secondhand home, no matter how thoroughly it has been scrubbed.

If there are any problems, you have the comfort of the 10-year warranty that will kick in and the builder will put them right. When did you last hear of a house seller offering to come round and rectify a fault after he'd sold the property and moved on?

A pristine, untouched and perfect new home is the top of a list given by people in buyer surveys.



If you have made do for years with your old dishwasher and fridge freezer, shoe-horned clumsily into gaps between your units, it's a joy to walk into a new home which has them fitted seamlessly into a sleek, interior designed kitchen.

Developers are increasingly designing the heart of the home as large, guest-friendly kitchen diners suitable for entertaining and so clutter has been eliminated.

Instead of taking up work surface space, you can have a built-in coffee maker, or a slim, pull-down TV tucked under a cupboard.

In some upmarket American kitchens you can find a TV which doubles as a digital cookery book, a wireless internet device and a digital photo frame. How clever is that? The latest technology has even produced a microwave which cooks your meal perfectly, with a simple swipe of the barcode on the packaging. (Might be trickier with a baked potato device.)

Clear conscience

For years, new homes were pretty soulless, but now buyers expect – and get – focal features like wall-mounted contemporary fireplaces.

Interior design aside, for a buyer it is convenience, comfort, cost and clear conscience that top the must-have list.

Buying new means no upward chain, one major concern banished at a stroke. If the developer is offering to take the old property in part exchange, there's no downward chain to worry about either.

New developments are usually built near transport links, schools, parks and shops, cutting travel costs.

Double glazing and loft insulation reduce

energy bills, as do low-energy appliances, without compromising performance. Every available inch of space is made to work, unlike older homes which, it's estimated, have 17 per cent of living space going to waste.

Cabling for home computers and home entertainment systems is often built in, neatly out of sight and many builders offer a home workspace as standard.

State-of-the-art kitchens and bathrooms, fitted wardrobes and the option of choosing your own finishing touches are big hitters. Upgrades like conservatories, loft ladders and lawns all cost less through the developer than they would on the open market.

Buyers have also realised that green environmental standards aren't just a marketing ploy.

Genius

As well as allowing us to tread lightly on the Earth, they save us money. A grey water recycling system can cut a water bill by up to a third annually. Dual flush loos are being made compulsory in new homes under Building Regulations. As an added benefit you could ask for an optional soft or self-closing lid or sensor controlled flushing, already common in some top hotels and airports.

On the subject of sensors, a WC has been developed with sensor lights which activate on movement, designed for those middle of the night trips to the loo, without having to fumble for the bathroom light switch.

Grateful thanks go to the genius who came up with that one.

Some fabrics available as part of optional home furnishing packs have been chosen for their green credentials: organic cotton, hemp and bamboo. Well, if M&S can make school uniforms out of recycled plastic bottles, why not?

It's said that soya fibre, a by-product of the food industry, is so soft it's known as 'vegetable cashmere'. Eco-friendly paint is another innovation.

Made without toxic ingredients, it is better for the atmosphere and may benefit house holders who have allergies.

So all in all it's hard to beat the range of benefits and incentives offered by today's new homebuilders. The secondhand market just can't hope to match these.

• Rosalind Russell has been a property journalist for more than 20 years, she has contributed regularly to the Daily Telegraph, the London Evening Standard and The Sunday Mirror

Fact is your happy

A SURVEY by the Home Builders Federation of nearly 21,000 new-homes buyers, confirmed that more than three quarters were satisfied with the overall quality of their home.

The survey also discovered that:

- 76 per cent would recommend their builder to a friend
- 76 per cent were very satisfied with the service during the buying process
- 70 per cent regarded their builder as very or fairly good in relation to completing their new home on time
- 73 per cent of buyers were satisfied with the condition of their home on move-in day.

The survey covered the period from October, 2007, to September, 2008.

Lots to choose from

THERE are thousands of housebuilders' sites throughout England and Wales. And there are hundreds of showhomes that are mostly open five days a week and at weekends.

So there's every opportunity for you to get out there and start looking for a brand new home.

Source: New Homes Marketing Board.

Enjoy eco-savings

BECAUSE new homes are built to higher environmental standards than existing ones they are 60 per cent more efficient.

So there can be savings of more than £500 a year on fuel bills compared to other less energy efficient properties.

Source: Building Research Establishment.

Switch on to green

NEW regulations recently adopted by the EU mean that traditional incandescent light bulbs will disappear altogether by 2012.

With the focus on new homes, light bulb manufacturers aim to bring high levels of energy efficiency to domestic lighting applications with no compromises in light quality or ambience.

This move could reduce lighting energy demand by nearly 40 per cent by 2025.

Source: Worldwatch Institute.

A shower of ideas

THERE'S no doubt that we are a nation of shower lovers, which is good because they use at least half as much water as taking a bath.

Indeed, 80 per cent of men are said to prefer a shower rather than a bath, while it's about 60 per cent for women.

WCs are the focus of water conservation because the nation's toilet cisterns hold enough water to sink the Titanic. So standard WCs now operate totally efficiently on 4.5 litres (compared to six litres previously) and this could go down to 2.6 litres.

Also emerging are 'super' toilets that wash and dry the user.

Source: Bathroom Manufacturers Association.

Waste not want not

THE UK sends seven million tonnes more rubbish to landfill than any other EU country.

Food waste is around 75 per cent of all household waste, which is why many new kitchens are fitted with food waste disposers. These grind it into fine particles before being flushed into the waste system where it's then recycled into a soil conditioner to produce biogas which is a renewable fuel.

Source: DEFRA.



NICE AND NEW: (Above left) It costs on average £22,000 to bring an old house up to the standard specification of a new home; new homes are on average, up to 60 per cent more energy efficient than older houses, so producing lower energy bills for your hot water (above right)

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By **ALISON CORK**

never had before," said Louise.

"Everything was ready for us when we moved in, even the children's wardrobes which we negotiated into the price of the property."

The Harringtons' new home has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, and they have enjoyed decorating them exactly how they please, a freedom they didn't enjoy as tenants.

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"The security of owning our own home means a lot to us."

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torically reduced property prices.

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Source: UK Rainwater Harvesting Association.

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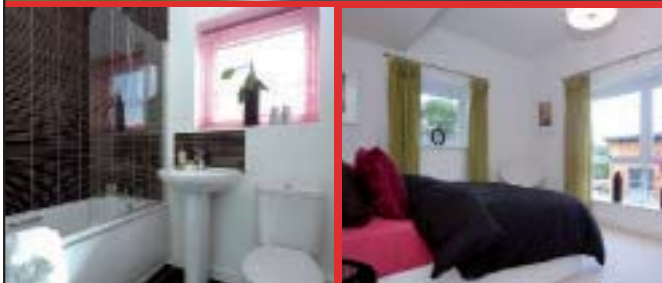
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1) Are you open to offers on the asking price? (You are most likely to get the best discount if, for instance, you can exchange contracts and complete quickly)

2) Can you help me with my deposit and some of my legal and moving costs?

3) Can you help with the sale of my existing home?

4) What will be the running costs for this home?

5) How much can I expect to pay in local council taxes?

6) Does this home have a 10-year warranty?



7) Is it difficult to keep this property well maintained?

8) How secure is this property?

9) Do you have an after-sales service for any

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12) Can I 'personalise' this property without additional costs?

13) Who do I contact if even the most basic problems arise?

14) Where are the closest amenities such as shops, schools and leisure facilities?

15) Are there any problems with getting children into the local schools?

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ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Explore Living releases new phase houses and apartments

In celebration of New Homes Week, Explore Living have released a new phase houses and apartments at their New Meridian Village development, situated in Ramsgate. The development comprises 207 new homes, including a mix of studio, one and two bedroom apartments plus two, three and four bedroom houses, with some already completed and ready to move in to.

The development is well situated just minutes from Ramsgate's town centre, the seafront and the town's centrepiece, Ramsgate Marina. Ramsgate now benefits from a newly introduced high-speed rail link to London, reducing the journey time to the capital to just over an hour, with a full timetable of trains expected to operate from December 2009.

Recent purchasers at New Meridian Village, Marcus Goodall and Sam Belsey, comment:

"We drove past New Meridian Village almost 12 months ago and after visiting the sales and marketing suite, we fell in love with the apartments. The specifications offered, such as all the appliances, underfloor

heating and video entry system were a stark contrast to what we were used to. In addition, each home came with its own car parking space."

"We have been living in our new apartment for just over a month and absolutely love it. The after sales service has been amazing. The most minor comments were dealt with so quickly and without any hassle. The staff keep checking to see if there is anything they can do - it is so refreshing to have proactive help. It is a great first home and we look forward to spending many more years at New Meridian Village."

All of the new homes include some added features you wouldn't expect, examples include solid concrete floors and staircases throughout to eliminate floor squeaks and providing improved insulation, pre-wiring for Sky+ and HDTV plus provision for wall mounted televisions. Kitchens come complete with high-performance integrated appliances and concealed pull up power outlets to maximise usable work surface space, whilst master bedrooms include a fitted wardrobe and apartments benefit from underfloor heating.

With a high proportion of landscaped green space rich with trees, the development has been specially designed not only to provide a safer, greener and altogether better environ-

ment for children and adults alike, but also to encourage a strong sense of community between neighbours. Residents of New Meridian Village will also benefit from cleverly designed 'Home Zones' where roads are laid out in such a way that discourages speeding and excessive traffic.

Prices for a studio apartment at New Meridian Village start from just £91,995 whilst the houses start from only £159,995. With the newly introduced HomeBuy Direct

scheme available at the development, potential purchasers could be entitled to a 30% Government backed equity loan, which is interest free for the first 5 years (subject to availability, eligibility criteria applies).

Furthermore, purchasers using this scheme will only require a 5% deposit making this an ideal way to get a foot on the property ladder.

For more information call Explore Living on 0845 872 1004, email newmeridianvillage@exploreliving.co.uk or visit the website www.exploreliving.co.uk.



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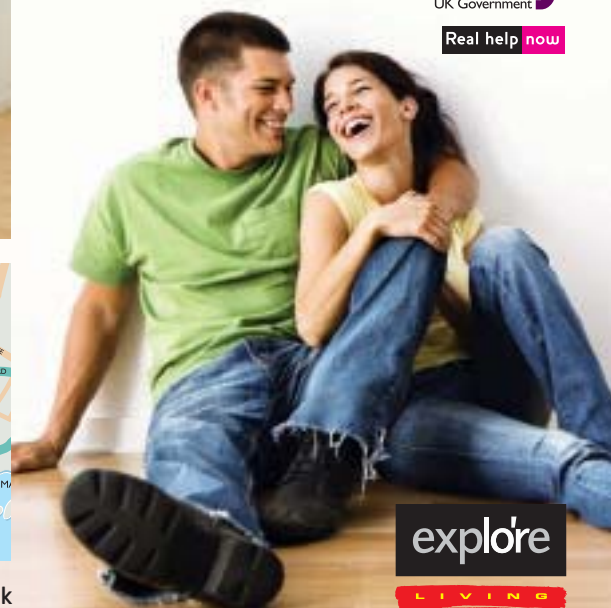
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Lecturer Public Services	06/93
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £19,344 – £26,759 pro rata per annum	
Lecturer IT and Computing	L24
37 hrs per week, salary range £19,344 – £26,759 per annum. Fixed term post ending 31 December 2012	
Lecturer Music Technology	01/60A
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £19,344 – £26,759 pro rata per annum.	
Lecturer Hospitality and Catering	05/84
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Temporary Lecturer Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing	08/42
37 hours per week, salary range £19,344 – £26,759 per annum. Fixed term post to cover maternity leave not to exceed one year	
Lecturer Electrical Installation	09/26
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Supply Lecturers Animal Care, Land Based & Veterinary Nursing	S/ALV
Various hours available, salary range £19,344 – £26,759 pro rata per annum	
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Supply Lecturers Hair	S/Hair
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Trainer Demonstrator Higher Education Moving Image Production	TD12
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Trainer Demonstrator Physics/Maths	TD17
27.75 hours per week, salary starting at £19,248 pro rata per annum	
Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care and Land Based	TD13
18.5 hours per week, salary starting at £19,248 pro rata per annum	
Resource Assistant Animal Care & Land Based	04/98
18.5 hours per week, salary starting at £15,312 pro rata per annum	
Catering Assistant	08/141
25 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time. Salary £12,537 pro rata per annum (fixed point)	
Learning Support Facilitator	08/104
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Learning Support Facilitator	CS2
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HR Staff Development Administrator	09/60
37 hrs per week, salary starting at £15,312 per annum	

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09/50

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This role will be responsible for developing and maintaining a high quality multi-resourced central library facility, enabling access to the area and resources for pupils and support staff across the school. Also delivering "Interactive Storytelling" & supporting children and staff in careers studies, work related learning and on work experience projects, and for co-ordinating the Connexions Centre within the school.

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This role will be responsible for independently designing, producing, and maintaining a range of resources for the unique learning needs of our students, and for supporting colleagues to design resources to help students learn in both the class and residential teams.

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£13,663 plus 10% per annum - 41 hours per week
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Working as part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends. Also up to a maximum of two weeks for the school's respite care provision if required, for which extra payment would be paid.

DOMESTIC ASSISTANTS

£8,258 per annum - 30 hours per week
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To assist cooks in provision of meals to pupils and staff

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For an application form and information pack please call
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■ TRAINING MANAGER

Package: up to £44,000

This person will maximise training opportunities by developing and co-ordinating training programmes to meet sustainable construction criteria. Working closely with employers to design and deliver programmes ensuring that the products and services are accredited.

All posts are offered on a fixed term 18 months

Interviews are expected to take place on 23/24/25 September

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ART TECHNICIAN REQUIRED

Pent Valley Technology College

Hours: 14 hours a week, Term-time plus 10 days

Salary: Kent Scheme 3 (£14,099 - £15,984)

This post requires a well organised person who has good planning skills and the ability to multi task. You will be required to order, maintain and prepare materials for the Art department along with assisting in the preparation of classroom lessons and corridor displays.

Good interpersonal skills are extremely important. This position is suitable for an energetic person who enjoys being with teenagers and can cope with a busy learning environment.

Are you self motivated, good at problem solving, customer focused? If so, we want to hear from you.

You will have to provide an Enhanced CRB disclosure for which the employer will pay.

Closing Date: Friday 18th September 2009

Interview Date: To Be Confirmed

CLASSROOM MANAGER REQUIRED

Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm, 32 hours a week, term-time only (39 weeks)

Salary: Kent Scheme 6 (£18,471 – £20,262 pro rata per annum)

We are looking for people with excellent communication skills, the ability to interact well with both students (aged 11-18) and staff, the ability to manage a variety of situations, be calm and work well under pressure.

The main role is to supervise and provide instruction to students in the absence of subject teachers for lessons provided. The Classroom Manager will also be responsible for carrying out other tasks that are related to the learning environment.

You will have to provide an Enhanced CRB disclosure for which the employer will pay.

Closing Date: Midday Friday 18th September 2009

Interviews: Wednesday 23rd and

Thursday 24th September 2009

For more information and an application form please contact:

Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College,
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Required as soon as possible to provide an effective and efficient financial support service within the school.

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Contact **Mrs Smith, School Business Manager**, Tel **01634 338700** or email **office@riverside.medway.sch.uk** for an application form and job specification.

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may be right for you. The closing date for the following posts is Monday 14 Sept 2009 at 12 noon: Supply Recreation Assistants S/RA Various hours available, salary starting at £15,312 pro rata per annum For an information pack please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office quoting the reference. Staff benefits include: • Pension & Life Assurance Scheme • Sports Hall & Gym • Proximity to main bus & train stations • Generous Holiday Allowance • Close to City Centre • Staff Discount Scheme CLICK www.canterburycollege.ac.uk/jo b-vacancies CALL 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone). **To apply/more information:** Canterbury College Quoting Job Ref: S/RA Tel: 01227 811282 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Lecturer Forensic Science

Canterbury
Salary: £19,344 - £26,759 pro rata per annum
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Art Technician

Folkestone
Salary: £14,099 - £15,984
Closing Date: Friday 18th September 2009
Pent Valley Technology College Hours: 14 hours a week, Term-time plus 10 days Salary: Kent Scheme 3 (£14,099 - £15,984) This post requires a well organised person who has good planning skills and the ability to multi task. You will be required to order, maintain and prepare materials for the Art department along with assisting in the preparation of classroom lessons and corridor displays. Good interpersonal skills are extremely important. This position is suitable for an energetic person who enjoys being with teenagers and can cope with a busy learning environment. Are you self motivated, good at problem solving, customer focused? If so, we want to hear from you. You will have to provide an Enhanced CRB disclosure for which the employer will pay. Closing Date: Friday 18th September 2009 Interview Date: To Be Confirmed For more information and an application

form please contact: Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT19 4ED. Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218 Fax: 01303 279342. **To apply/more information:** Pent Vally Tech Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218 Email samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk

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CLASSROOM MANAGER

Folkestone
Salary: £18,471 - £20,262 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Midday Friday 18th September 2009
Hours: 8.30am - 3.30pm, 32 hours a week, term-time only (39 weeks) Salary: Kent Scheme 6 (£18,471 - £20,262 pro rata per annum) We are looking for people with excellent communication skills, the ability to interact well with both students (aged 11-18) and staff, the ability to manage a variety of situations, be calm and work well under pressure. The main role is to supervise and provide instruction to students in the absence of subject teachers for lessons provided. The Classroom Manager will also be responsible for carrying out other tasks that are related to the learning environment. You will have to provide an Enhanced CRB disclosure for which the employer will pay. Closing Date: Midday Friday 18th September 2009 Interviews: Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September 2009 For more information and an application form please contact: Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT19 4ED. Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218 Fax: 01303 279342. **To apply/more information:** Pent Vally Tech Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218 Email samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk

Teaching Assistant

Thanet
Salary: Hourly rate £7.30-£8.28
Closing Date: Thursday 17th September 2009
Teaching Assistant 30 hours per week, Term Time only (38 weeks per year) Kent Scheme Payscale 3, Points 7-11 (Hourly rate £7.30-£8.28). Required immediately to support students with Special Educational Needs. Applicants must have a genuine concern for young people and should be able to support pupils up to GCSE level. We are looking for an individual who is self motivated and who would enjoy working as part of a large and friendly team. The right person for this role will have excellent communication skills and a flexible approach to their work. Experience is not necessary as full training can be given. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a CRB Enhanced Disclosure check

prior to the start of employment. Please apply in writing for an application pack, via email to: vsilk@ursuline.kent.sch.uk or Mrs Lisa Taylor, AEN Co-ordinator. Interviews to be held Monday 21st September 2009 Ursuline College, 225 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent CT8 8LX Phone 01843 834431. Fax 01843 835365 Info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk Ursuline College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff/volunteers to share this commitment. **To apply/more information:** Ursuline College Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01843 834431 Email vsilk@ursuline.kent.sch.uk

Teacher of Latin / Classical Civilisation

Rochester
Salary: TBA
Teacher of Latin / Classical Civilisation An enthusiastic teacher of Classics is required to cover maternity leave from 15th February 2010. This post would suit a newly qualified teacher or experienced teacher alike, and a TLR allowance may be available for an interested applicant. The subject is promoted enthusiastically throughout the school, and the department takes an active role in all opportunities for cross curricular events. Latin is extremely popular in KS3 and KS4, recruiting healthy numbers in both key stages. Classical Civilisation is a popular choice Post-16. Students who study Classics have the opportunity of attending many trips and study days throughout the academic year including residential trips to Italy, visiting Bath and VI form lecture days in London. The successful candidate will be an effective classroom practitioner and be committed to enabling all students to achieve their full potential. OFSTED 2008 commented that students have a "willingness to participate in the wide range of opportunities available to them, to show initiative and to assume responsibility". Behaviour was found to be "exemplary". If you are interested in working with bright, talented pupils, then please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Jacqueline Harrison, 01634 844008 or visit our website www.sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk where further details and an application form can be downloaded. We are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and any offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check. Closing date for applications - Friday, 25th September 2009 **To apply/more information:** Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01634 844008 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Maths Teachers
Kent
Salary: negotiable
Maths teachers required for long term and permanent positions throughout the South East of England in particular the areas of Kent, Medway, East Sussex and West Sussex. We offer excellent rates of pay, long term and permanent positions and outstanding teacher socials. The South East office is staffed by qualified teachers with recent classroom and senior management experience. "We work for you, finding you the work that you want." If you are interested in local, regular work and being supported by a team of professional teachers who know what they are doing please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net. **To apply/more information:** Britny Goulet Timeplan Education Group Quoting Job Ref: 09-080917002 Tel: 01732 373 340 Email britny.goulet@timeplan.net

Business Studies Teacher
Medway
Salary: negotiable
Large over subscribed mixed comprehensive Medway school with good management and resources looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic business studies teacher. All applicants must be a fully qualified teacher with recent experience working with children in a classroom setting. The staff at the school are very supportive and all new and

overseas staff have a mentor appointed to them. If interested please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net. **To apply/more information:** Britny Goulet Timeplan Education Group Quoting Job Ref: 09-09064010 Tel: 01732 373 340 Email britny.goulet@timeplan.net

Cover Supervisors

Medway
Salary: £60 per day
Large over subscribed mixed comprehensive Medway school with good management and resources looking for three committed cover supervisors. All applicants must have able behaviour management skills and recent experience working with children. The staff at the school are very supportive and all new and overseas staff have a mentor appointed to them. If interested please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net. **To apply/more information:** Britny Goulet Timeplan Education Group Quoting Job Ref: 09-09094003,4,5 Tel: 01732 373 340 Email britny.goulet@timeplan.net

Primary School Teachers

Bromley
Salary: £115 per day negotiable
Primary teachers required for daily, long term supply and permanent positions throughout the boroughs of Greenwich, Bexley and Bromley. We offer excellent rates of pay, regular work and outstanding teacher socials. The South East office is staffed by qualified teachers with recent classroom and senior management experience. "We work for you, finding you the work that you want." If you are interested in local, regular work and being supported by a team of professional teachers who know what they are doing please contact Britny Goulet at 01732 373 340 or britny.goulet@timeplan.net. **To apply/more information:** Britny Goulet Timeplan Education Group Quoting Job Ref: 09-080917002 Tel: 01732 373 340 Email britny.goulet@timeplan.net

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Science Teachers

Kent
Salary: negotiable

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Casual Drivers for School Minibus

Aylesford
Salary: Kent Scheme 3
Closing Date: 28/09/2009
Kent Scheme 3 - £14099 - £15984 pa (which equates to £7.31 to £8.28 per hour)
Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. We are looking to appoint a bank of drivers who we can call upon on a casual basis to drive our students to various venues. Times and days will vary according to the requirements of the students. A full clean driving licence is essential and relevant training will be given to successful candidates. For an application form please contact Miss Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk. Aylesford School - Sports College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and the post is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure check. **To apply/more information:** Jill McKenna Aylesford School - Sports College Quoting Job Ref: kos Tel: 01622 717341 Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

Estate Agency, Property

Experienced and Trainee Estate Agents

Kent
Salary: TBA
Experienced and Trainee Estate Agents Due to a huge increase in business in 2009 we are now looking to expand our sales team in Kent. If you are a high calibre individual with a 'cando' attitude, good communication skills and of smart appearance then contact us to find out more about our structured career path, extensive training and our exciting working environment. Please email your CV to: sarah.mcglinchey@bairstowe-scountryside.co.uk Bairstowe Eves Countryside is an equal opportunities employer. **To apply/more information:** Countryside Residential Lettings Quoting Job Ref: kos Email sarah.mcglinchey@bairstowe-scountryside.co.uk

HR, Recruitment

EMPLOYABILITY MANAGER

Dartford
Salary: £44,000
Closing Date: noon on September 16 2009
This special project Gateway to ?Suscon' has been funded by the ESF (European Social Fund), SEEDA and North West Kent College. The project aims to provide skills for at least 1,250 people for sustainable jobs that respond to the needs of climate change within the construction industry. Initially the project aims to identify skill needs, deliver current programmes, place people in sustainable employment and build a skilled workforce for the future. The project will involve the development of training products, employment support, business support and skills development, all in conjunction with local companies. All posts are based at The Bridge, Dartford. EMPLOYABILITY MANAGER Package: up to £44,000 This person with a construction background will maintain and build partner, stakeholder and client relationships in support of employment within sustainable construction, development and delivery of employment initiatives ensuring a high quality delivery. Previous multi-agency working is essential along with experience of initiating and implementing similar projects. All posts are offered on a fixed term 18 months Interviews are expected to take place on 23/24/25 September See our website for further details of the above posts - www.nwkcollege.ac.uk Online applications only to: HR@nwkcollege.ac.uk. CVs NOT ACCEPTED. NO AGENCIES Closing date for applications: noon on September 16 2009 **To apply/more information:** North West Kent College Quoting Job Ref: kos Email HR@nwkcollege.ac.uk

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TRAINING MANAGER

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Dartford TRAINING MANAGER Package: up to £44,000 This person will maximise training opportunities by developing and co-ordinating training programmes to meet sustainable construction criteria. Working closely with employers to design and deliver programmes ensuring that the products and services are accredited. All posts are offered on a fixed term 18 months Interviews are expected to take place on 23/24/25 September See our website for further details of the above posts - www.nwkcollege.ac.uk Online applications only to: HR@nwkcollege.ac.uk. CVs NOT ACCEPTED. NO AGENCIES Closing date for applications: noon on September 16 2009. **To apply/more information:** North West Kent College Quoting Job Ref: kos Email HR@nwkcollege.ac.uk

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

Kent
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 1:00pm, Friday, September 18th
MAXIMUS Employment and Training is a UK welfare to work provider and part of the MAXIMUS group of companies, operating throughout Australia, the United States and Israel. In helping the long term unemployed into work, we are seeking staff for the following roles at various locations in Surrey, Sussex and Kent. EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANTS EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANTS CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICERS Locations: Redhill, Haywards Heath, Horsham, Bognor Regis, Chichester, Worthing, Brighton, Eastbourne, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford, Dartford, Chatham and Ramsgate. Further details and application packs can be found on the MAXIMUS website at www.maximusuk.co.uk/vacancies.html. Applications close 1:00pm, Friday, September 18th.

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Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

ICT Technical I.L.T Support Engineer

Medway

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Closing Date: Friday 18 September 2009
 ICT Technical I.L.T Support Engineer Ref: P0653 **Salary:** £18,433 - £23,640 per annum
 We are looking to recruit an organized and hard working individual to support the ICT department in developing the College's Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle). The successful candidate should have knowledge within this field and have an understanding of VLE's. The ability to work with a range of software packages including PHP in a Microsoft Windows environment, as well as being able to communicate at various technical levels is essential. Closing date: Friday 18 September 2009
 MidKent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbl.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer.
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Insurance, Banking, Finance

Risk and Control Administrator

Chatham

Salary: TBA
 Lloyds of London are currently recruiting a Risk and Control administrator within the Chatham office. This role is required to check completeness, accuracy and validity of transactions performed within Market Services, assist in the reconciliation of cash accounts both manually and electronically, identify and resolve discrepancies found on daily reports and communicate to colleagues on technical matters in relation to the risk and control team. This role requires high attention to detail and to work within FSA guidelines, Letters of Credit, Life Policies, Unit Trusts and National

Savings. For this role you will be required to have the following skills: • Strong analytical and problem solving skills with attention to detail • Strong written and verbal communication skills • Ability to recognise gaps and trends, identifying key issues and securing relevant information • Ability to relate and compare from a variety of sources dealing with data quickly and analyse accurately • Strong IT skills, in particular Excel and Bankrec • Understanding of risks and issues that impact on the ability for Risk and Control to provide an effective service • Good knowledge of the rules relating to membership of Lloyd's as they relate to Market Services • An understanding of FSA procedures and requirements • Good knowledge of the processes and controls within Market Services • Actively share information and knowledge for the wider benefit of colleagues and the organisation where appropriate • Ability to progress several tasks at once and adapt quickly to new areas of work and responsibility • Experience of working within financial services would be extremely advantageous. This role requires an immediate start and working hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Offering an excellent remuneration package including bonus, generous benefits package and pension. This is an ideal opportunity for someone wishing to work within finance in an established firm that can offer you career progression. Please apply online directly at www.lloyds.com career opportunities with an up to date CV with full contact details.
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 Email www.lloyds.com

Operational Technical Specialist

Chatham

Salary: £26,000 - £30,000
 Lloyds of London are currently recruiting for an Operational Technical Specialist within their Market Services department in Chatham. This role is required to deliver a high quality service to its customers, to share knowledge and experience relating to procedures operating within the Operational Support team. Working within a small team you will be required to deliver high quality work within tight deadlines and will communicating financial charges to our clients that will be incurred for the following year, respond to data requests, challenge policy and procedures and deputise for the team manager. You will also assist in carrying our annual income projection modelling and establishing market services price lists. For this role you will be required to have the following skills: • Strong analytical skills and attention to detail • Strong written and telephone communication skills • Strong time management skills, used to working to deadlines and under a certain amount of pressure • Strong IT skills, in particular Excel, Access, Lotus Notes and Business Objects • Very flexible with the ability to multi-task and organise • High level of accurate data input into various IT systems • Good knowledge of the rules relating to membership of Lloyd's as they relate to Market Services • Good knowledge of the Lloyd's market • Good knowledge of the processes and controls

within Market Services • Self starter with the ability to work independently and as part of a team • Ability to adapt to new areas of work quickly and accurately • Experience of working within financial services would be extremely advantageous. This role requires an immediate start and working hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Offering a basic salary of £26,000 - £30,000 plus bonus and an excellent benefits package including pension this is an ideal opportunity for someone wishing to work within finance in an established firm that can offer you career progression. Please apply online directly at www.lloyds.com under career opportunities with an updated CV with full contact details.
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Management, Senior Positions

Director of Business Development and Associated Services

Canterbury

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PROJECT DIRECTOR

Margate

Salary: £31,250 P/T (£62.5K FTE)
Closing Date: 2 October 2009
 DREAMLAND, MARGATE? The Dreamland Trust has secured funding to commence work on the development of detailed proposals for a unique eight-acre tourist attraction. Phase One of the project, worth £12.4m, will create the world's first amusement park to solely feature thrilling historic rides and will be centred on the Grade II-listed Scenic Railway roller coaster. The second phase will involve the restoration of the Grade II*-listed Dreamland Cinema building as a multi-purpose entertainment venue, creating a national centre for seaside heritage, popular culture and street style. We are now recruiting a core team to make

this exciting concept a reality. PROJECT DIRECTOR £31,250 P/T (£62.5K FTE) The Project Director will be the public face of Dreamland Margate, overseeing a small team, including a Project Manager. The successful candidate will need to be enthusiastic about popular culture and seaside heritage. They will have to show evidence of successfully delivering complex capital projects, fundraising, managing partnerships and have the presence, flair and people skills to maintain progress towards meeting tight deadlines. They will have high-level communication and presentational skills and will know how to allocate their time and delegate intelligently. ? Closing date: 2 October 2009. For details of how to apply for all these posts visit www.dreamlandmargate.com
To apply/more information:
 Thanet District Council
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 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Marketing, Advertising

AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Margate

Salary: £28,000pa
Closing Date: 19 October 2009
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Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

COMMUNITY CARERS

Kent

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Care Workers and Support Workers

Ashford

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Experienced CAR Sales Executive

Maidstone

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To apply/more information:
 Whitehouse Jeep
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email mark.wood@whitehousegroup.co.uk

Motorcycle Sales Person

Kent

Salary: TBA
 The successful candidate will have a proven sales track record. Must be able to demonstrate a full knowledge of the sales process, both pre and post transaction. Experience with motorcycles is not necessary as training will be given. This is a full time position, 5 days a week including Saturday. Applicants must apply in writing enclosing a CV to Nick Young nick@jwg.co.uk or telephone 0844 811 9570.
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Senior Social Worker

Tonbridge

Salary: £32,600 to £36,800
Closing Date: Friday 9th October 2009
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Public Sector, Social Services

Housing Officer x 2

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Margate

Salary: £22,000pa
Closing Date: 19 October 2009.
 DREAMLAND, MARGATE? The Dreamland Trust has secured funding to commence work on the development of detailed proposals for a unique eight-acre tourist attraction. Phase One of the project, worth £12.4m, will create the world's first amusement park to solely feature thrilling historic rides and will be centred on the Grade II-listed Scenic Railway roller coaster. The second phase will involve the restoration of the Grade II*-listed Dreamland Cinema building as a multi-purpose entertainment venue, creating a national centre for seaside heritage, popular culture and street style. We are now recruiting a core team to make this exciting concept a reality. PROJECT ARCHIVIST £22,000pa (1 Year Fixed-Term Contract) This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic archivist to research, collate and disseminate historical information relating to the Dreamland site and seaside culture, specifically in Margate, as part of the development of the Dreamland project. Please note this post will require some travel. Closing date: 19 October 2009. For details of how to apply for all these posts visit www.dreamlandmargate.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/00269/FL – The Horseshoes Sandy Lane West Malling Kent ME19 6TG – Mr And Mrs T Harber is applying for private gypsy and traveller caravan site with one mobile home, one touring caravan and utility building (resubmission of TM/04/00281/FL). Reason: DEPART GPI

TM/09/01506/FL – Kettle Cottage Long Mill Lane Platt Sevenoaks Kent TN15 8NB

– Mr John Roberts is applying for three bedroom two storey dwelling. Reason: CA

Reasons for the case being publicised:

CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area

DEPART Application does not accord with the Development Plan

GPI Application is of general Public Interest

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 4 October 2009.

David Hughes

Chief Executive

13 September 2009



Highways - District of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (ALBEMARLE ROAD, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the construction of a new wastewater pipeline in Hunter Road, Ashford and the use of Albemarle Road as a diversion route, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting Waiting at any time on the west side of Albemarle Road, Ashford. This will be between the junctions with Osborne Road and Glover Road, and Glover Road and Hythe Road. The Order is due to come into force on or after 28 September 2009 for a period of up to 8 weeks, or until the works are complete.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 (AS AMENDED) (PUFFIN CROSSING - A2042 FAVERSHAM ROAD, KENNINGTON)

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, propose to establish a crossing (Pelican) for pedestrians under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all their enabling powers, as follows:

- A2042 FAVERSHAM ROAD, KENNINGTON

96 metres north west of the junction with Grosvenor Road, Kennington.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HUNTER ROAD, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new wastewater pipeline, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Hunter Road, Ashford, as described in columns 1 & 2 of the Schedule to this Order, on or after 28 September 2009, for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as shown in column 3 of the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative route	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Hunter Road	Between the junction with Osborne Road and the junction with Glover Road	Osborne Road, Albemarle Road, Hythe Road and Hunter Road	From 28 September 2009 for up to three weeks
Phase 2			
Hunter Road	Between the junction with Glover Road and the entrance to the car park of the Windmill Inn	Hunter Road, Osborne Road, Albemarle Road and Hythe Road	From 19 October 2009 for up to three weeks

This Order will come into force from 28 September 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature, at any time for the duration of the order.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HUNTER AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new wastewater pipeline, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Hunter Avenue, Ashford, between the junction with Osborne Road and the entrance to the Co-op car park, on or after 14 September 2009, for an estimated period of two weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Osborne Road, Breadlands Road, Twelve Acres and Hunter Avenue.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MIDDLE WALL, WHITSTABLE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the disconnection of the existing gas supply to Iceland, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Middle Wall, Whitstable between Island Wall and Waterloo Road on or after 14 September 2009 for an estimated period of 3 days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Via Waterloo Road and Island Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PILOTS FARM ROAD AND BROXHALL ROAD, LOWER HARDRES) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Pilots Farm Road and Broxhall Road as described in columns 1&2 of the Schedule, on or after 15 September 2009 for an estimated period of 17 days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as shown in column 3 of the Schedule

SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative route	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Pilots Farm Road	Whole Length	Tapleys Hill, Pett Bottom Road and Broxhall Road	15 September 2009 for 6 days
Phase 2			
Broxhall Road	Whole Length	Pett Bottom Road, Tapleys Hill and Pilots Farm Road	23 September 2009 for 11 days

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (NEW STREET, SANDWICH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas and electrical connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on New Street, Sandwich from the junction with Austins Lane to the junction with No Name Street on or after 27 September 2009 for an estimated period of 2 Sundays or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic for light vehicles will be via St Barts Road, Woodnesborough Road, Moat Sole and Cattle Market. Large vehicles via A258 Dover Road, A256 Sandwich Bypass, Ash Road and Strand Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WHITFIELD AVENUE, DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing Works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Whitfield Avenue, Dover from its junction with Crabble Hill to Green Lane (1) including its junction with Brookfield Avenue (2) on or after 30 September 2009 for an estimated period of One night or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via (1) Crabble Hill, Old Park Road, Brookfield Avenue, Old Park Hill, Roosevelt Road and Winant Way. (2) Eastbound: Old Park Road and Buckland Avenue. Westbound: Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue, London Road, Crabble Hill and Old Park Road..

This order will come into force on Monday 28 September 2009 and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE RIDGEWAY AND WOODLANDS LANE, SHORNE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads in Shorne as attached schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 28th September 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 2 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be as per the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate critical carriageway surfacing repairs.

SCHEDULE 1

Road Name	Extent	Duration	Diversion
The Ridgeway	Between Woodlands Lane and Tanyard Hill	28th September 2009 for 2 days	(East Bound) Darnley Lodge Lane, Thong Lane, Rochester Road, Gravesend Road
Woodlands Lane	Whole length	28th September 2009 for 2 days	(West Bound) Gravesend Road, Rochester Road, Old Road East, Valley Drive

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HONEYPOT LANE, EDENBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Honeypot Lane, Edenbridge between its junctions with Troy Lane to Kent/Surrey Border.

The Order will become effective on 28th September 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to start on 4th October and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Grant Lane, Monks Lane, Hole Lane, B2026 Main Road, Hilders Lane and Troy Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of a BT pole and aerial cable.

Highways - District of Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BROADWAY, SHEERNESS) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Broadway, Sheerness at its junction with High Street to outside number 22 on or after 28 September 2009 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Trinity Road, Trinity Way and Broadway.

The existing one way traffic order on Broadway Sheerness between High Street and Trinity Road is suspended to make two way for access purposes only.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHARLOTTE STREET AND JUBILEE STREET, SITTINGBOURNE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of gas mains replacement works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Charlotte Street and Jubilee Street, Sittingbourne, on or after 28 September 2009 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until the works are complete. Charlotte Street will be closed between the junctions with Millen Road and Watson's Hill. Jubilee Street will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route for through traffic for Charlotte Street will be via Watson's Hill, Chalkwell Road, St Paul's Street and Millen Road. There is no diversion for Jubilee Street as it is a cul-de-sac.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FAIRLAWN ROAD, RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway repairs works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Fairlawn Road, Ramsgate from between the junction with Coxes Lane on or after 28 September 2009 for an estimated period of 2 Days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via signs to be placed at junction of Fairlawn Road advising of road closure, no access between 09.00hrs & 16.00hrs.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MANSTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Manston as described in columns 1 and 2 of the schedule to this order on or after 14 September 2009 for an estimated period of 4 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via for each road described in column 1 of the schedule of this order is described in column 3 of that schedule. Only one road shall be closed at any one time..

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes	Duration
Spratling Lane	The whole length	Manston Road, Preston Road and Spratling Street	14 September 2009 for 1 day
Spratling Street	Phase 1 - From New Haine Road to Spratling Street Farm Phase 2 - Spratling Street Farm to Preston Road	Phase 1 - Preston Road, Spratling Street and Spratling Lane Phase 2 - No alternative route access will be maintained for residents	15 September 2009 for 3 days

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MINNIS ROAD, BIRCHINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway repairs works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Minnis Road, Birchington from Gore End Close to Galwey Avenue on or after 14 September 2009 for an estimated period of 2 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Grenham Bay Avenue, Seaview Road, Grenham Road, Lyell Road, Station Approach and Minnis Road.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BRADBOURNE LANE, DITTON) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Bradbourne Lane, Ditton between the junctions of A20 London Road and Saint Peters Road and from outside 54 to the ford on or after Monday 28th September 2009 for a period of up to 12 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via Saint Peters Road, New Road, A20 London Road and for southbound traffic vice versa.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is John Adsley on 01233 714082.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOUNT PLEASANT, HILDENBOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Mount Pleasant outside of number 25 on or after Tuesday 15th September 2009 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via B245 Tonbridge Road, Riding Lane, Mount Pleasant and for southbound traffic vice versa.

Scotia Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for an essential gas service to be installed. Should you require any further information the contact is Alex McDonald on 01689 881 315.

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(TUDELEY LANE, CAPEL) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Tudeley Lane approximately 70 metres either side of Hartlake Road on or after Monday 14th September 2009 for a period of up to 3 nights or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Five Oak Green Road, A228 Maidstone Road, Pembury Northern By-Pass, Tonbridge Road, A21 Pembury Road, Vauxhall Lane, A26 Woodgate Way, Five Oak Green Road and vice versa depending on which section is closed.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway resurfacing. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Simon Allsopp on 08458 247 800.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(LADHAM ROAD, GOUDHURST) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Latham Road outside The Granary on or after Tuesday 29th October 2009 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via Jarvis Lane, Latham Road and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for replacing a telegraph pole and cabling works in the area. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Stuart Lane of McNicholas Construction on 01273 494659.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, PEMBURY) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in Schedule 1.

The alternative route for each route described in Schedule 1 is described in Schedule 2. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure.

The Order will become effective on 28th September 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place. The dates for works will be notified on site 14 days in advance.

SCHEDULE 1	
Road Name	Extent of Closure
Dundale Road, Pembury	80 metres south of Hodges Farm - road crossing
Woodside Road, Pembury	50 metres north of Woodside House - road crossing
Romford Road, Pembury	Outside number 51 Priory Cottage - road crossing
Stone Court Lane, Pembury	Outside of Stone Court Farm - road crossing
Maidstone Road, Pembury	Outside the entrance to Dowlingbury Cottages - road crossing
Redwings Lane, Pembury	From Old Church Road junction for 280 metres
Old Church Road, Pembury	Pembury Walks to Redwings Lane

SCHEDULE 2	
Road Name	Diversion Route
Dundale Road, Pembury	Southbound traffic via A21 By-Pass, A264 Pembury Road, Bayhall Road, Forest Road, Hawkenbury Road, Dundale Road. Northbound traffic vice versa.
Woodside Road, Pembury	Southbound traffic via Romford Road, Henwood Green Road. Northbound traffic vice versa.
Romford Road, Pembury	Westbound traffic via Woodside Road, Henwood Green Road, Romford Road. Eastbound traffic vice versa.
Stone Court Lane, Pembury	No diversion.
Maidstone Road, Pembury	Southbound traffic via A228 Pembury Northern By-Pass, High Street, Lower Green Road, Maidstone Road. Northbound traffic vice versa.
Redwings Lane, Pembury	Eastbound traffic via A228 Maidstone Road, Redwings Lane. Westbound traffic vice versa.
Old Church Road, Pembury	Northbound traffic via A228 Pembury Northern By-Pass, Tonbridge Road, A21 Tonbridge Road, Pembury Walks. Southbound traffic vice versa.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the laying of a clean water pipeline to be undertaken by South East Water.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
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APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Chartwell, Mapleton Road, Westerham**
Applicant: **Beverly Hunt**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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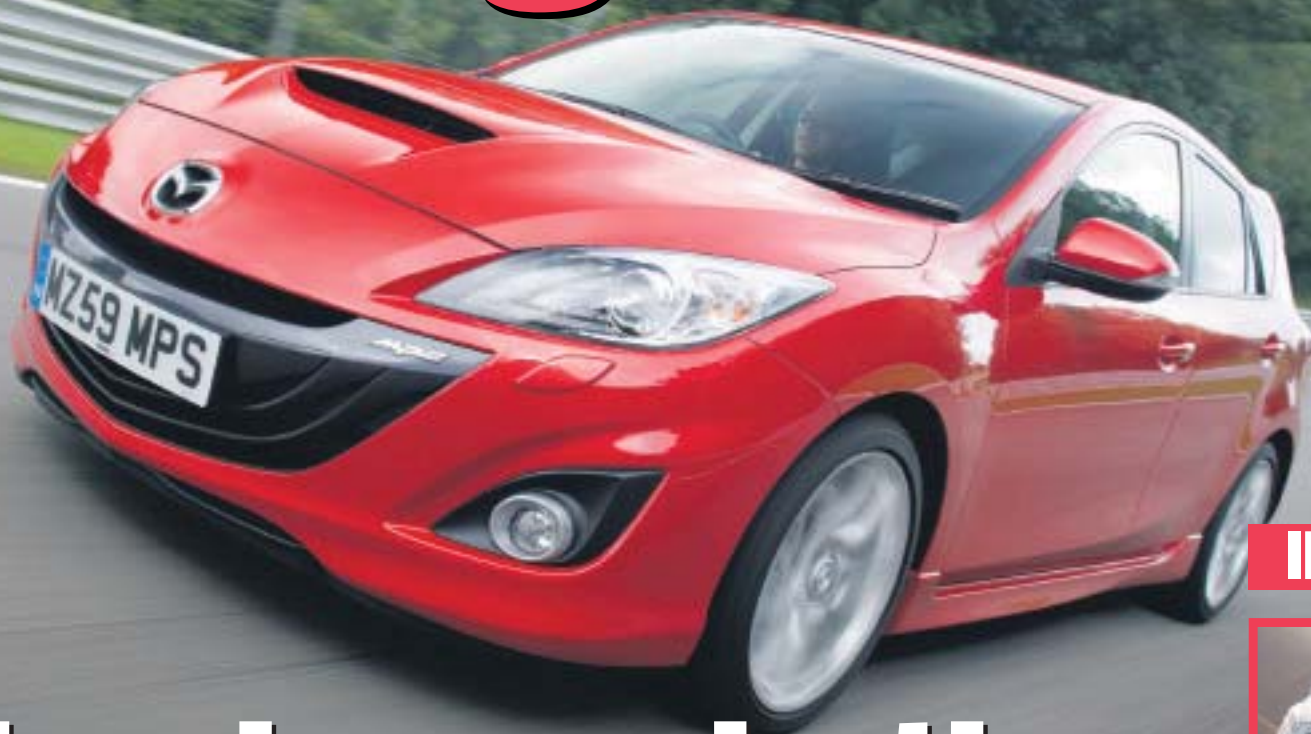
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Mazda reads the 'no waiting' sign

WE WAITED far too long for a hot hatchback version of the original Mazda3.

But the Japanese marque is not making the same mistake again; just months after the launch of the second generation line-up, an MPS performance flagship arrives in showrooms on October 1.

At just £21,500 it is also priced aggressively against high-profile rivals like the VW Golf GTI and the Ford Focus ST and RS.

The previous Mazda3 MPS did not arrive until 2007, more than three years after the standard '3' range and even various styling add-ons failed to disguise its rather frumpy styling.

But the car's visual shortcomings were blown away by turbocharged performance married to taut handling; it was an under-rated hot hatch and genuine 'halo model' for the final two years of the first generation car.

Its successor uses the same formula, but wears the far more stylish second generation Mazda3 body and sits on 18-inch alloys.

By **STEVE LOADER**

Power comes from a turbocharged 260PS (258bhp) 2.3-litre petrol engine delivering 0-62 in just 6.1sec – only slightly inferior to the Ford Focus RS which costs £26,395 – while top speed is electronically limited 155mph.

Based on what we know of the 'Mark 1' MPS we can also expect the car to apply its prodigious power to the road surface without requiring lots of correction from the steering wheel, as Mazda has again fitted a limited-slip differential to control 'torque steer'.

This is an expensive cure avoided by most rivals, which tend to rely – with patchy success – upon electronic counter-measures.

Mazda says the new car also has better aerodynamics for greater high-speed stability, while a stiffer body shell, new power steering and modified suspension guarantee a comfortable yet responsive drive.

Its shouts its intentions too with those big alloys plus bonnet air scoop, special front

wings, new grille and bumpers, deeper sills and a larger rear wing than the regular Sport model.

At the other extreme to the MPS, Dartford-based Mazda UK will also soon launch an ultra economical Mazda3 model.

The standard line-up already delivers 16 per cent better fuel economy across the range while CO2 emissions are down by up to 19 per cent, but the new i-stop option will soon save fuel and pollution at traffic lights or in congestion.

It differs from existing engine start-stop systems on the market, by not relying on a starter motor to 'reboot' the engine, which can cause a lag between depressing the accelerator and the engine firing up again.

Mazda claims to have eliminated lag by using the direct-injection of the 2.0-litre petrol unit to pump in and ignite fuel in a single cylinder to set the crankshaft in motion for a smoother and faster restart.



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POWER PLAY: The Kia Venga (left), designed and manufactured in Europe and the revitalised Sorento 4x4 (right)

Surprise or two from Kia

KIA claims 'The Power to Surprise' and has conjured an all-new and crisply styled supermini for early 2010.

The Venga is touted as a premium product so it is not yet clear if it will shadow or replace the Korean marque's current supermini, the Rio, which is over-size for that sector anyway.

The smart money is on the Rio giving way though to a model that fits Kia aspirations to ease upmarket and away from selling on price.

The Venga – like the impressive Ceed – has been designed, engineered and manufactured in Europe for Europe.

That explains baby MPV proportions

with an unusually long wheelbase and high roofline for a big cabin in the style of the Honda Jazz.

Sliding rear seats fold flat to the floor for the van-like cargo capability preferred by supermini buyers.

Every Venga powertrain will be available with Stop and Go technology to save fuel and emissions. Luxury options include a tilt/slide panoramic roof.

Kia UK chief Michael Cole said: "This is exactly the kind of vehicle UK motorists are looking for as we emerge from the recent economic turmoil – a fantastically flexible package providing big-car comfort and space within a compact package."

Kia has also been showing off its completely revitalised Sorento 4x4; longer, lighter and lower than before and now more seven-seat SUV, it poses a real challenge to cars like Volvo's XC90.

Meanwhile, Kia has scored a double hit in dealer 'most wanted' franchise ratings: it came third in the Retail Motor Industry National Franchised Dealers Association survey – just behind Audi and Toyota – and sixth in Sewells' Dealer Satisfaction Survey behind Mini, Lexus, BMW, Jaguar and Toyota.

The latter result was especially impressive as Kia was a lowly 30th just two years ago.



Skoda's Abominable Snowman 'discovered'

IT WAS only a matter of time before that mystery man of the Himalayas, the Abominable Snowman, was adopted to promote Skoda's new Yeti.

Due in showrooms on September 17, the Yeti is an impressive and typically well-priced contender in the compact SUV/crossover market, especially as it available in economic front-wheel drive as well as 4x4 off-road trim.

This 5th Skoda model line should do particularly well in attracting fresh recruits to the Czech brand.

As ever though, nothing can be left to chance so the poor old Yeti has been

wheeled out by the marketing machine and people are being asked to become 'Yeti spotters' and hope to win a reward – a new Yeti.

Yeti showroom appeal is also being boosted by launch deals including an in-house personal contract from just £189/month.

The pitch, three years and 30,000 miles with deposits from 25 per cent, is keen and there are packages for customers qualifying under the Government-sponsored Scrappage scheme; Skoda has already found 6,000 buyers prepared to trade old cars for a new one plus a £2,000 grant.

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Wilmoths toughens up in the business sector

WILMOTHS Citroën has taken the view that 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going', by launching a business and fleet department in a recession.

And newly-appointed local business manager Gary Bartlett, is unfazed by the timing.

He said: "When (MD) James Wilmoth appointed me, we agreed to take a long-term view of what we were building. It avoids quick fixes and unrealistic deals, in favour of building a sound platform for the future as the economy looks up."

Reputation

"Wilmoths is in a stronger position locally than people may think; Citroën has three-four per cent of the national car market, yet Wilmoths has built a 10 per cent slice of the business in its region – it's up with Ford and Vauxhall."

"That's down to Wilmoths' high reputation for customer service – underlined by official ratings within Citroën – which can only benefit our growth in the fleet/business sector."

"There are more than 200 UK Citroën dealers, but only around 50 running a business centre like ours and the brand pressed James Wilmoth for some time to set one up."

"Only this year did he feel it was right, when firms really need to look at vehicle investments more carefully than during the boom years."



COMMERCIAL SUCCESS: Gary Bartlett (left) says the eagerly-awaited new Citroën Nemo (right) will help strengthen the company's line-up

The family-owned group has Kent franchises at Ashford, Maidstone and Folkestone, plus sites in Sussex at Eastbourne and Hastings.

Gary's brief is to supply all vehicle needs to businesses and reckons he holds a good hand with Citroën's acclaimed diesel cars such as the mid-range C4 hatchback, elegant C5 family model and award-winning Picasso MPV ranges – he has sold a number of the funky new C3 Picassos – but always knew 'com-

mercials' would take 90 per cent of business demand.

"Van sales are the engine room of the economy and Citroën has a terrific line-up that just got better with the eagerly-awaited Nemo replacement for the long-running C15 courier or light van," said Gary.

"It is the perfect complement to the bigger Berlingo and Despatch, which are already popular sellers and we even have a 4x4 option now in the C-Crosser Enterprise

as well as a 'one-stop shop' operation for drop-siders and other specialist bodies."

Asked whether the current market is all about price and value – cards played carefully by Citroën in recent years – Gary said: "Price comes into it and I will always try to be competitive, but I think even hard-nosed businesses know that other factors come into the mix like the best way to finance or lease, plus customer service; for instance, down time on vehicles can cost

businesses money and we work hard to minimise that."

Gary has been in the motor business since he was 18, starting at the former Ashford-based Motorworld parts and accessories business.

Now 37, he can draw on experience in the same field with national player, Halfords, and running his own business in Ashford.

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Insignia style causes upset in 'Badge Wars'



THERE are already masses of Vauxhall Insignias on the road and the model hasn't even completed a year on sale.

Buoyant registration figures are no doubt helped by Vauxhall's big clout in the fleet market and status as European Car of the Year 2009, but also show how the newcomer – unlike its staid Vectra predecessor – has the looks to transcend its mainstream branding.

If that grille wore a propeller badge, three-pointed star or four rings instead of the relatively humble Vauxhall griffin, the Insignia would surely be even more sought after in hatchback, saloon or stylish Sports Tourer estate form.

It is not all good news though; after a week in a model with the softer suspension, I think Vauxhall will need to repeat what it did midway through the life of the final Vectra and tweak the underpinnings.

For the SE spec test car confirmed what I already suspected: the firmer SRi set-up is not only the one for keener drivers, but also delivers a better trade off on ride quality than the 'everyday' tune.

The alternative format still keeps the big car on the road well, but feels vague and easily unsettled by road surface inconsistency.

Perhaps I'm extra hard on the Vauxhall though, after bowling around in a BMW 520d the previous week; the Beemer is aged and looks like a bag of spanners against the Insignia, but has a superbly versatile chassis.

DrivingReview



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Vauxhall Insignia

Still, it's hard to dislike the Insignia. It concedes ground on handling to its arch rival, the Ford Mondeo, but is classier and more elegant; you could not see the Ford wearing the above mentioned German badges and I bet there has been envy within the Big Three's styling departments.

And the Insignia's interior is close to the mark too, as Vauxhall continues its climb in cabin design and quality of recent years in an attempt to elbow into an 'upper main-



stream' club away from hoi polloi like the Renault Laguna and Peugeot 407 and its in-house General Motors rival, the cheap as chips Chevrolet Epica.

Apart from some high-quality materials – but occasional cheapo detail – the cabin is simply huge with far better rear headroom than the swooping rear window line would suggest.

Not surprisingly, in a car of this scale, you also get a big boot and the impression that Vauxhall has tried to fill two niches with one

car. Last time, it stretched a Vectra to create the Signum as a possible company director option to replace the defunct Omega, but it was a washout.

The Insignia has the class to straddle both levels though; overcome the badge snobbery and you might mention this car in the same breath as a BMW 5-Series or Audi A6, for instance, especially when 4x4 and some hefty power options are available and scorching VXR models are due soon.

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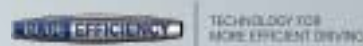
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Much hangs on choice of engine though and the turbocharged 178bhp 1.6-litre petrol is worth a look to save taxes without losing too much fun. It signals an industry trend towards lower emission, smaller capacity turbocharged petrol powerplants.

The turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol also enter-

tains, but 2.0-litre diesels dominate sales: the 130PS version gives you better economy, while the 160PS offers fun at the cost of fuel consumption averaging about 6mpg less than its sister.

The test car was the 160PS, but felt slightly emasculated by the six-speed auto box – the manual is the better bet.

Dealers will hate me for saying this, but I believe the list prices are also ridiculously optimistic, even for a car as much in demand as the Insignia.



DrivingStats

- Vauxhall Insignia 2.0 CDTi SE Nav 5-dr hatchback £24,665
- Range: £17,130-30,995
- Garage stats: 4.83m by 1.86m five-door hatchback
- Powertrain: 1,956cc/158bhp four-cylinder diesel driving front wheels through a six-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 134mph and 0-60mph in nine seconds
- How green?: band I (£175/year) road tax - 177g/km CO2 emissions
- Official fuel figures: combined 42.2mpg
- Euro NCAP occupant safety rating (0-5 stars): *****
- Fuel tank: 70 litres/15.4 gallons
- Insurance group: 10E
- Warranty: three years/60,000miles.
- Rivals: Alfa Romeo 159, Audi A4, BMW 3 or 5-Series, Citroen C5, Ford Mondeo, Honda Accord, Lexus IS, Mazda6, Mercedes-Benz C-Class, Saab 9-3, Seat Exeo, Skoda Superb, Subaru Legacy, Toyota Avensis and VW Passat.

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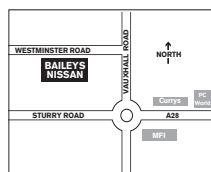
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C2, 1.4 HDI SX, air con, anti-lock brakes, atomic velour interior, audio steering wheel mounted controls, body coloured bumpers, driver, passenger and front side air bags, electric door mirrors, electronic brake force distribution, front electric windows, front fog lights, front/rear head restraints, immobiliser, power-assisted steering, radio/cd, rake/reach adjustable steering column/wheel, remote central door locking, spare wheel, black metallic, 38540 miles, £6285, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C3, Desire 136ccv 5 door, 2006, cd player central locking approved driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering history check, silver, 34510 miles, £8495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

C4, 1.6HDI 16V VTR Plus 5dr, aj54hrz, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, traction control, insurance group 8, silver, 73000 miles, £5895, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

C5, VTR HDI, 10004157074, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, adjustable steering column, cruise control, power steering, trip computer, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, cd player, alloy wheels, visit our website for details of 50 similar AR Cars. metallic ice blue, 72000 miles, £5990, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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According to the latest research by a leading recruitment firm, employers across the South East are reporting "positive hiring intentions" for the fourth quarter of 2009.

In other words: making jobs, not cutting them.

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey, unveiled this week, shows cautious projected hiring intentions for the region between October and December 2009, based on responses from more than 240 local employers.

The findings claim a seasonally adjusted net employment outlook of plus two per cent – a rise in the optimism of local industry – which has been welcomed by experts looking for indicators the recession is finally bottoming out.

Paul Laurie, Manpower's operations manager for Kent and the South East, said: "This small but significant increase in employer hiring confidence is great to see.

"As a region, there have been notable staff cutbacks in areas such as manufacturing and construction, but as a business, we are now starting to see increased demand for temporary workers, particularly within call centres and in the utilities sector generally.

"Back office support roles across a range of sectors are also now emerging as businesses seek to maintain operations and position themselves advantageously for when the upturn comes."

Confidence grows as firms begin hiring, not firing

The outlook for the South East is stronger by five percentage points quarter-over-quarter, and by a considerable 14 percentage points year-over-year.

This means that the region is more positive than the national average of minus two per cent.

He added: "The survey results for the region show an encouraging but tentative first increase in employer hiring confidence.

"Job seekers locally should still expect to face a slow hiring pace until the end of the year though, and as such are well advised to stay flexible and consider temporary work options that will keep CVs fresh, increase skill sets, and provide exposure to invaluable on-the-job experience."

The North East reports the most positive hiring intentions (plus eight per cent), which has been boosted by the UK's focus on the

region to push the nation's green economy.

In contrast, West Midlands employers remain notably downbeat and are the least optimistic (minus 10 per cent), as the region's reliance on the manufacturing sector and position as the UK's region most affected by the recession, takes hold.

In London, employer hiring confidence has declined by a further two percentage points quarter-over-quarter, to minus five per cent.

Dockyard to showcase KOS Media's industry extravaganza

Get on board and build for the future

THE construction industry will converge on Chatham's Historic Dockyard this month for one of the biggest regional events in its calendar.

Construction Expo 2009, which is organised by KOS Media, will showcase leading suppliers within the industry, giving delegates the opportunity to meet



suppliers, hear from industry experts and take the pulse of the sector.

The event grew from the merger of Kent's Future Live and the Construction Expo to create a powerful business platform for companies of all sizes involved in the construction, development and

regeneration industry across the South East.

Last year's event proved a big success – and organisers are aiming to repeat that this year.

Aran Brooks, a director at MKA Projects, said of last year's event: "We have exhibited at several shows since our first at Construction Expo 2008 and none have been as well planned, nor the organisers as helpful.

"Also, as chartered quantity surveyors and project managers, the visitors to Construction Expo 2008 and our fellow exhibitors were the most suitable for our business compared to any other show we've visited or exhibited at. We booked our 2009 stand as soon as last year's show finished as we were so impressed."

The event on Wednesday, September 30, is free to enter and has free parking. For further details, contact events manager Liz Hare on 01303 817172 or 07966 778844; email liz.hare@constructionexpo.co.uk; or visit www.constructionexpo.co.uk.

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Campaigns on awards shortlist

HIGH-profile PR campaigns in the county have made it on to the shortlist of a leading awards ceremony.

The 2009 CIPR PRide Awards recognise "excellence in public relations and communications" across the UK.

The shortlist includes Kent County Council, Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent Police Authority. Those in the running and their categories are:

- **Not-for-Profit and Integrated Communications**
 - KCC – Fight Flytipping
 - KCC with Kent Waste Partnership and Clean Kent – Love Food Hate Waste
 - **Internal Communications**
 - NHS South East Coast – Start The Week
 - Southern Water – BAS The Frog
 - **Crisis Communications**
 - Kent Fire and Rescue Service – Channel Tunnel blaze
 - **Community Relations**
 - KCC – Fight Flytipping
 - **Best Campaign, £10k and Under**
 - KCC – Animation Awards
 - **Best Newspaper or Magazine**
 - Kent Police Authority – Policing Kent Magazine
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 - **Best Website or Microsite**
 - KCC – Clean Kent website
 - **Best Event**
 - NHS South East Coast – Best Of Health
 - Southern Water – Achievers' Award
 - **Outstanding Young Communicator**
 - Kent Police Authority – Alison Hammond
 - Midnight Communications – Craig Peters
 - **Outstanding In-House PR Team**
 - NHS South East Coast
 - Southern Water – Tapping Into Success
- The winners will be announced on October 27 at the Hilton Metropole, London.

October's new limit for redundancy pay

THE Government has confirmed the increase in the weekly limit used to calculate statutory redundancy pay, from £350 to £380, will take place on October 1.

And Business Link South East is urging employers to make sure they understand the new conditions. An employee being made redundant with two or more years' continuous service has the right to receive:

- A statutory redundancy payment.
- A written statement setting out the payment amount and how it was calculated.

The payment due to each employee under the statutory redundancy payment scheme is based on:

- The employee's age.
- The amount of continuous service, subject to a minimum of two years and a maximum of 20 years.
- The employee's weekly gross pay, up to a limit of £350 for redundancies up to and including September 30, 2009. This limit will rise to £380 from October 1.

This increase will also apply to a wide range of employment tribunal awards – calculated using a week's pay – that an employer might have to pay, such as:

- Compensation for non-compliance with flexible working procedures.
- The basic and additional awards for unfair dismissal.
- Compensation where an employer has failed to consult a trade union or elected employee



RIGHT TO KNOW: New conditions for redundancy come into force on October 1

representatives when it intends to make 20 or more employees redundant.

- Compensation for failure by an employer to allow an employee to be accompanied to a disciplinary or grievance hearing.
- Compensation for failure by an employer to give a statement of employment particulars.
- Compensation for an employer's failure to comply with its duty to notify an employee of either the date on which it intends to retire them or their right to make a request not to retire on that date.

This amount is also used to calculate various payments made by the secretary of state from the National Insurance fund if an employer's business becomes insolvent. Examples of such payments include:

- Holiday pay.
- Arrears of pay.
- Redundancy pay.
- Pay in lieu of notice.
- Unpaid compensation for unfair dismissal.

A Business Link South East spokesman said: "It has also been stated that the limit will not rise again in February, 2010, as it would normally do.

"Rather, it will remain at £380 until February 2011, and the annual uprating due to take effect from February 1, 2010, will be suspended. Normally the annual increases in February track changes in the retail prices index – rounded to the nearest £10 – but this one-off increase is taking place without reference to that mechanism."

IoD invitation to shoot for the greens

FORGET looking for green shoots and shoot for the greens at a corporate golf day organised by the Kent Branch of the Institute of Directors.

The IoD is taking team bookings for its 12th annual event, on Friday, September 25, at the London Golf Club, near Brands Hatch.

Teams of four will compete for prizes and the IoD trophy – but there are only 32 places available.

An auction on the day will raise funds for the Variety Club children's charity, which helps sick, disabled and disadvantaged children.

Frazer Thompson, chairman of the Kent branch of the IoD, said: "Last year we raised £8,000 for charity. It's also a great chance to network on the fairway and afterwards at dinner." For a booking form, email iod.kent@iod.com or call 01732 849570.

Virtual seminar

A PIONEERING piece of software is improving business by 'virtualising' companies' IT infrastructure.

The technology reduces the number of physical servers needed to support a firm's IT by creating virtual servers in a smaller number of machines.

Benefits include reducing the outlay on hardware, as well as providing energy savings. Maidstone IT services firm Allteks is holding a free seminar at the end of September where companies will be able to see how virtualisation works.

The seminar will be at Kings Hill on Tuesday, September 29, and will feature presentations from the firm's managing director Steve Oakley and technical director Ian Butcher.

Places are limited, so for more information email ian@allteks.co.uk or call 01622 358608.



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ARAN BROOKS, DIRECTOR, MKA PROJECTS

For more information and to book your space at this years event call Liz Hare on 01303 817172 or email liz.hare@constructionexpo.co.uk

Building links that add quality and relevance

Small-business expert and online specialist JO DODDS continues her look at the simple steps to local online marketing. This week: building links with local and directory websites



ONE of the most important factors in a website's success in organic search is how many links it has to it and where they have come from.

When somebody types a search term into a search engine, it endeavours to return results that are as relevant as possible to that search, and that come from an authoritative source.

One way for a search engine to decide whether a website is authoritative is to look at how many links there are to the site, as well as to see where they have come from – are the links from reputable and authoritative sites?

So, while the number of links into your website is important, it is actually the quality of those links and their relevance that is more important. What determines the quality and relevance?

Google carries the majority of searches done on the internet today, so we will use it as our example.

Google awards a page rank to those sites it thinks are authoritative and a link from a site with a good page rank can add to your own site's page rank as you gain some of their reputation.

Remember, though, that nothing is simple when looking at organic search and optimising your website. Results are determined in most cases by algorithms that are highly confidential and subject to change at any time without warning.

Quality

Overall, getting quality links into your site from authoritative websites can be helpful even though you will probably not be able to analyse this in any detail, especially as many of the links will have what is called a 'no follow', which means that you won't benefit from their page rank.

So, link building is something you need to look at for your website, but don't lose sleep over the detail.

One other point to bear in mind when getting links into your site is to try to get the link on the other website to show contextual keywords rather than just your website url.

As an example, as a local hairdresser, a link into your site that says 'hairdressing in Canterbury' is more useful than just having your website address.

And try to vary the description as you get links in from other sites. The context of those words can be helpful to you from a search perspective.

So, where should the links come from?

Links that come from within your industry from businesses that are complementary to your own business offering can be helpful in that they are showing Google that what you are offering is relevant to that subject.

For example, if you are a wedding supplier, then getting links into your website from fellow wedding suppliers is a good strategy.

Weddings

Their websites are likely to include many references to 'wedding' and other relevant keywords, which will tell the search engines that those links are relevant to the content that you have on your own website.

The other type of links that can be helpful for a local business are links from other local businesses.

Some of the keywords a local business is trying to get its website optimised for are local words – if you are a Maidstone-based hairdresser, you will want your website to be optimised for Maidstone and probably some of its suburbs.

One of the ways to help that is to get links from other businesses based in those areas which have their sites optimised for those local keywords.

That will show some relevance to the search engines for those keywords, confirming your business is local to those areas.

Directories can also be useful to you for a number of reasons.

They can provide useful links back into your site; local directories can give you local links to help to optimise for your local keywords; and many of the directories come up at the top of Google, so an entry there can sometimes be found when consumers are searching for your type of business, even if your own website doesn't appear that high yet.

To find directories you might consider getting an entry on, just do some searches for your keywords (the words you are trying to list for on Google) and see which directories come up for those words already, then consider getting your own entry on there.

• Jo Dodds teaches, coaches and supports small business owners to set up and market their own easy, cost-effective and search-engine-friendly websites. Check out www.counterpointmatters.com for free content and webinars about online marketing for small businesses.



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Preservation revival can help us make a virtue of necessity

IT'S a fact that the entrepreneurial spirit emerges in times of recession, *writes Pat Crawford of Hadlow College.*

Quite a few businesses – some of which have grown to be national names – were set up by people who lost their jobs because of redundancy or who suffered some other major setback.

Some had the glimmering of an idea at the back of their minds for years, but simply didn't have the time needed to develop it. Others cast around for potential niches that could herald a winner.

Depending on the idea, setting up a new business can initially involve relatively limited capital investment.

What it invariably does need is a substantial investment of the individual's time – something those with full-time jobs and other commitments just don't have available.

Which brings us back to one of the main reasons why so many new business ventures are born during recessions: if necessity is the mother of invention, surely recession is the father of entrepreneurship.

Countless editions of the BBC's Radio 4 Food Programme presented by Sheila Dillon include interviews with entrepreneurs who have set up a food-related businesses.

Many that began with the tiniest glimmer of an idea have gone on to be eminently successful. Hopefully, here in Kent some entrepreneurial ideas that relate to food are currently

College's net gain

HADLOW College has signed a sponsorship deal with non-league football club Tonbridge Angels.

The college has penned a three-year agreement with an option for a further three years.

It includes sponsorship of the Ryman League club's under-19 youth team.

The financial package will include Hadlow College branding on players' shirts for both the first team and reserves, exchange of training facilities and coaching resources and the opportunity to work in partnership on sporting developments.

College principal Paul Hannan said: "The sponsorship extends our already strong community links and I am certain both parties will benefit from the fresh opportunities which will result."

being marinated, macerated, mixed, mashed and moulded to produce winning business recipes.

Growing fruit and vegetables has taken off in a big way and thousands of new – and enthusiastic – kitchen gardeners are harvesting the rewards of their efforts.

It's difficult to get rotation just right, so that the plot produces



IN A PICKLE: Preserving leftovers was second nature to Britons before the globalisation of food markets

a suitable quantity each week. Inevitably, even after giving excesses to family and friends, some gluts result.

Not too many years ago, gluts didn't exist because everything not eaten fresh was bottled, made into chutneys and jams, salted or preserved in some other way for use in the long winter months.

At that time every housewife – a title that has gone out of fashion – possessed the necessary knowledge and skills.

Then along came something which rendered preserving unnecessary: the global market.

Soon we were able to put green beans and salads – and a huge variety of other hitherto seasonal produce – on our plates all the year round.

Seasonality, on which daily menus had been based since pre-history, quickly disappeared and we have now reached a stage when the youngest generation of cooks could well be hard-pressed to list seasonally available British produce.

Maybe there is a business gap for an entrepreneur to set up a cookery school specifically for those who want to learn how to preserve?

In light of all the issues relating to food security and air miles, before too long we shall be forced to redevelop ways of making home-grown and 'regionally available' produce stretch year-round.

• Hadlow College's 9.5-acre Broadview Gardens are open free 360 days of the year, and the award-winning tea-room specialises in dishes using regional, seasonally available ingredients. Telephone 01732 853211.

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Half a day could be all it takes to boost your sales

OWNER-managers of small businesses in north Kent have been invited to attend a free workshop which will look at ways to increase sales and profits.

Run by Business Link, the business advice and support service, the Boost Your Sales And Profits half-day workshops are being held at 8.30am and 2pm at the Thistle Hotel, Brands Hatch, on Tuesday, September 29.

The workshop has been developed for Business Link by Bob Gorton, the best-selling author of *Boosting Sales*, and is delivered by his team at Hard Hat, who are experts in running a business on a small budget.

Business Link's Liam Harris said: "This is not your usual workshop where you make a few notes and take home a few pointers."

"This is a one-off opportunity for you to take a refreshed look at your business, challenging you to come up with new ideas."

"Giving up just half a day will be time well spent, giving you the insight to take your business forward."

"In these difficult times a workshop such as

this, which can help develop your business and realise your aspirations, is an opportunity not to be missed.

"These workshops have been developed to provide the information needed for small businesses to increase their sales and profits."

"Each delegate prepares a personal and confidential action plan, which is returned to them typed up, offering details of all the support available."

"This also includes referrals to the organisations that are able to help them achieve their priorities."

Munir Bandali, of Mulberry Lettings and Management in Tunbridge Wells, attended a recent workshop.

He described it as: "A well-structured course with excellent content, presented in a professional and friendly manner."

The workshop is free, but is only for Kent-based owner-managers with no more than two full-time employees.

To apply for a place, call Business Link on 01732 878555 or book directly online at www.boostyoursalesandprofits.co.uk.

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By **LIZ RULE**
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ANYONE with money invested in stocks and shares will be grateful that stockmarkets seem to be recovering from the lows of 2009 and the UK FTSE 100 index is threatening to breach 5,000 as I write.

Some investors who may have seriously considered selling their shares earlier in the year when they had dropped so substantially may now breathe a small sigh of relief and decide to hang in there, in the hope of clawing back more of their losses or achieving more growth.

The danger in this situation is the investor may make the decision to leave their investments as they are and not get them reviewed or rebalanced.

Most investment funds will have gained over the last few months, but that doesn't mean the funds that have been held thus far are the best choice moving forward.

Spectacular

An example would be someone holding an emerging markets fund. Some of these have rallied magnificently in recent months and produced some spectacular performances.

It does not necessarily mean emerging markets funds will continue with the same stellar returns over the next few months.

Another example is commodities. Flavour of the month in 2007 and 2008, these were hit heavily by the recession. Some funds have made impressive gains, especially some timber funds. Again, there is no guarantee that this will hold up and continue.

I suspect an investor who three years ago agreed to 20 per cent of their portfolio being in emerging markets and 20 per cent being in property, with the remaining 60 per cent in UK equity income would be surprised to learn that these respective percentages are now likely to be 28.5 per cent, 14.5 per cent and 57 per cent. Which may or may not be suitable moving forward.

That is why now is the perfect time for investors to get a review and perhaps rebalance portfolios looking forward, bearing in mind the future prospects of all asset classes.

New book calls for 'more leaders and fewer managers'

AN ENTREPRENEUR has spent two years developing an essential guide to leadership and management.

Folkestone-based Simon Teague conducted research which showed more than 70 per cent of people are disengaged, uninspired and demotivated by their boss.

He has spent two years writing and publishing the Ultimate Leadership Guide which is designed to make a difference to aspiring leaders by collecting guidance from best-selling authors and experts on leadership, change management and self-development.

The book has already received positive reviews in the national press and on TV and has been snapped up by blue-chip companies and SMEs across Kent.

Mr Teague said: "Many companies have cut back on training managers to be leaders – there is a huge difference between the two."

"We all remember those people who inspired, motivated and helped us reach our full potential. Under their leadership we flourished and felt valued."

"The credit crunch has brought about a significant change in culture, particularly for leaders and how they are perceived."



LEADERSHIP: Author Simon Teague

nificant change in culture, particularly for leaders and how they are perceived.

"Many bosses are now ill-equipped to lead. They are under pressure to deliver short-term results; they have too much admin and have less time to listen to their people."

"They often manage by passing on the messages from on high. In turn, they can go home frustrated asking, 'Why can't I seem to motivate my people?' This can lead to stress and more micro-management."

Mr Teague added: "A huge cultural shift in leadership is taking place."

"Aspiring leaders can't rely on old style internal training programmes to equip them with the new set of tools they will need to inspire their teams in 2010 and beyond."

"They will need to invest in their own self development."

"There are many leadership learning systems available which offer enormous opportunities to learn new, effective leadership skills."

"The results will speak for themselves, making management stress a thing of the past."

■ **THE latest Be Heard networking event takes place in Chatham this week.**

The popular monthly event is on Thursday at the New Art Centre in the High Street.

Be Heard places emphasis on clear, unambiguous communication and aims to ensure each person leaves the meeting knowing what everybody does and what service they provide.

Next month's event – at the same venue – will be on October 15.

It costs £10 per person and includes refreshments.

■ **AIM-listed technology firm Synchronica has signed another major international contract.**

The Tunbridge Wells-based firm, which describes itself as a "mobile email and synchronisation provider" signed a contract with a mobile operator in Pakistan.

The initial deal is for 50,000 licences of its Mobile Gateway mobile email product. The total deal is worth about £100,000.

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WOOLWICH

RT: FIXED **R%:** 4.09% **L:** 70% **U:** 31/10/2011

OD: £1,329

MORTGAGE BOX ITL

RT: FIXED **R%:** 4.89% **L:** 75% **U:** 31/03/2011

OD: £1,184

MARSDEN

RT: FIXED **R%:** 5.69% **L:** 80% **U:** 30/10/2011

OD: £1,123

ABBEY

RT: FIXED **R%:** 4.18% **L:** 70% **U:** 02/12/2011

OD: £1,030

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ABBEY

RT: TRACKER **R%:** 2.99% **L:** 70% **U:** 3 YEARS

OD: £1,030

DARLINGTON

RT: DISCOUNTED VARIABLE **R%:** 3.15% **L:** 70% **U:** 30/11/2011 **OD:** £1,320

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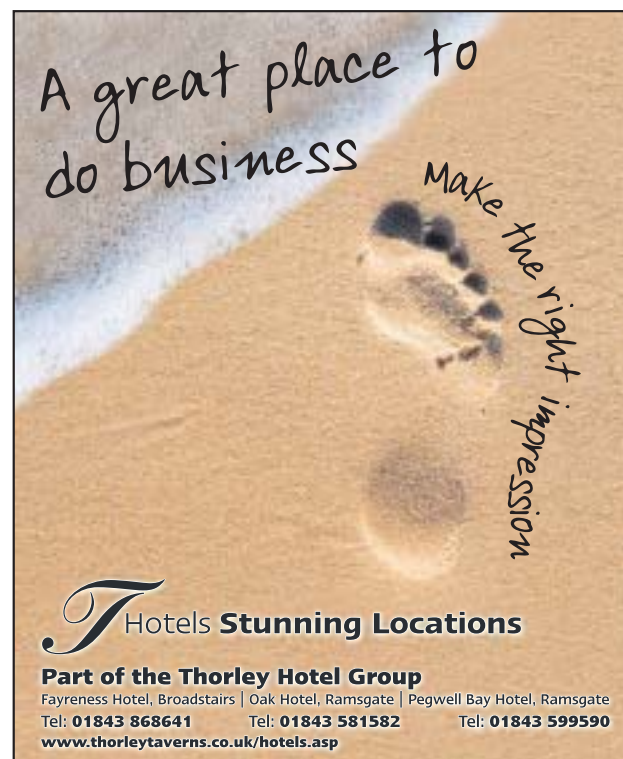
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Timeline

Kent on Sunday sport takes a look back at the county's sporting action of yesteryear



100 YEARS AGO: New Brompton FC made the arduous trek down to Plymouth in the Southern League and did well to lose just 1-0 in front of a crowd of 6,000.

Despite being battered by the wind and rain, Strang had a magnificent game and without him Argyle would have recorded a far heavier victory.

A new skating rink was opened in Pudding Lane, Maidstone, with a capacity of 500 skaters and 700 spectators.

The organisers were hoping to drum up interest by using the slogan; "Rollerskating is the most fascinating pastime in the world."

Elsewhere in the county another sport called "knock off the Prime Minister's hat" had been invented. Special arrangements were being made so that the Prime Minister Herbert Asquith could enjoy his 55th birthday party at Lympne Castle without being molested or inconvenienced by suffragettes, after he'd had his headgear knocked off in Littlestone.



50 YEARS AGO: Giving his verdict on Kent's season, Frank Woolley concluded the county had done "as well as could be expected," given a relatively poor batting

line-up and the repeated absence of Colin Cowdrey on Test match duty.

"At times our young players looked like making the grade, but there was none of the assistance which is so necessary to make a good team."

It was a bad weekend for grass-track rider Jack Colver, who was poised to win the Sittingbourne championship, when he ran into a patch of soft dust on the Wrinstead Court track near Doddington and was overtaken by his rival Brickell.

A number of riders ended up in the bales after suffering with the dust and conditions, and popular Sittingbourne rider Syd Jarvis didn't even start.

In an early season meeting he broke his arm and on the day of his comeback he broke his ankle. Jarvis wanted to compete, but found it too painful to ride and lent his machine to a friend.



25 YEARS AGO — Keith Peacock was trying not to get over-excited by the sight of his Gillingham side at the top of the Division 3 table.

A 3-0 win over Cambridge United sent the Gills top, ahead of York on goal difference, after John Leslie and Dave Mehmet (2) scored in the second half, after a difficult opening period.

Peacock said he sympathised with striker Tony Cascarino, who failed to find the target but "gave a superb exhibition of how to dominate people in the air," according to his manager.

Tonbridge striker Peter Churchill was handed a 70-day suspension by the KCFA, after getting sent off in a Maidstone & Mid Kent Sunday League game, playing for Langley against Bramling Cross.



MISSED: Kent legend Colin Cowdrey

Something to live for

How sport galvanised public spirit during World War Two

Going over old ground

By FRED ATKINS

TURN on your television in 2009 and you're rarely never more than a couple of minutes away from a programme on World War Two, giving the cumulative impression the average Briton spent the six years from 1939 existing only in air-raid shelters.

The reality, if you ask a survivor, was a more mundane tale of deprivation, with periodically terrifying episodes punctuating long periods of tedium.

For civilians, life, including sport, continued throughout the conflict, even though official competitions were suspended, meaning Northfleet United held on to the Kent League title they won in 1939.

Conflict

The record books also show Portsmouth held the FA Cup for six years, but it's less well known that 70 years ago a phantom, extra-preliminary round of the FA Cup took place on the day before war was declared, with four Kent clubs involved.

Gravesend United were beaten 3-1 at home by Bexley, while at the Athletic Ground Maidstone United were held to a 2-2 draw by Margate.

The replay never took place, but the game continued. During the first global conflict the government produced propaganda



UNCERTAIN TIMES: Troops are evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940, but sport carried on

posters urging young men to stop playing football and do the noble thing by enlisting, but by 1939 it realised suppressing an innate instinct to play was impossible.

Football was initially banned in the north of the county, along the Thames from Bexley as far as the Medway estuary, but friendlies were allowed if official permission was given.

Sittingbourne chairman, Haydn Preston and the club's secretary John Turner proposed a senior Kent league "within a reasonable radius".

During the phoney period up until the fall of France in 1940, Shorts FC (who later merged with Chatham) topped a wartime league, ahead of Gillingham, many of whose players and manager spent the war in Chatham Dockyard.

With footballers being by definition healthy young men, many ended up in the British Expeditionary Force, like the Sheppey goalkeeper Rogers, Folkestone's Backshall and Sittingbourne left-back Rossiter.

Inevitably not everyone came back. The former Kent cricket captain Geoffrey Bevington Legge, killed in an air crash in 1940 at the age of 37, was just one of 300,000 British soldiers to die.

The scale of the tragedy is so vast it can seem glib to become preoccupied with sport, but despair is one of the war-monger's most powerful weapons and if football helped to stave it off, it served a purpose.

Tom Finney, whose Preston side beat Arsenal in the 1941 FA Cup final replay, told the author Simon Kuper: "I wasn't all that interested in the war when I was playing. And to hold them to a draw in London was really quite an achievement."

Finney was at pains to point out he still wanted Britain to win, but a report Kuper unearthed from late 1939 showed the Home Office realised how crucial the game could be for morale.

"People find the war at present completely unsatisfactory as a compensation for sport," it read. "One Saturday afternoon of league matches could probably do more to affect people's spirits than the recent £50,000 Government poster campaign urging cheerfulness, even if it were repeated six times over and six times better."

The lesson holds true seven decades on. Current Serbia international and Ajax winger Miralem Sulejmani, was nine years old when NATO bombed Belgrade in 1999.

"Even as the bombs fell on my hometown of Belgrade, I wanted to go outside with my father and train," he said. "That is how we forgot our worries and I could work on achieving my dream."

One consequence of war is that it can give people a cause they feel is worth dying for, but for men like Sittingbourne's Rossiter, who played the game whenever they were away from the frontline, having something to live for was almost as important.

Awards tribute to unsung heroes

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

GRASSROOTS volunteers were recognised at the annual Kent County Football Association (KCFA) awards this week.

A total of 20 individuals and clubs were honoured across a variety of categories for their dedication to the game at Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium on Tuesday.

The winners ranged from veterans such as Victor Farrow, who won the FA Charter Standard Club Administrator award for his involvement since the 1960s, to 13-year-old Daniel Smith, winner of the Football Workforce Young Volunteer prize.

Chelsea legend Ron 'Chopper' Harris helped present the prizes and KCFA chairman Barry Bright was delighted to be able to highlight so many unsung heroes.

"They are real football people," he told Kent on Sunday. "It's a small way of saying thank you to people who willingly give their time in the service of others and aren't looking for anything other than a thank you."

"We have a tremendous volunteer force in Kent, both young and old, and without them Kent football, and society generally, wouldn't move forward."



The KCFA is in the middle of a major restructuring after 60 years based in Chatham. Tomorrow work begins on a 12-month, £1.2 million construction project at Ditton, near Maidstone, which will house the association's new headquarters.

Bright said: "When it's built it will be the best county headquarters in the country. We see ourselves as leaders and we need the best facilities, we desperately need something that is state of the art and able to build on this work."

WINNERS:
Grassroot sport volunteers with their awards and (right) KCFA chief Barry Bright, who helped present the awards with former Chelsea legend Ron 'Chopper' Harris



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Superbikes ace has the world at his feet

British champion elect says he is ready for next step

By **TOM HOWARD**

LEON Camier believes he is close to securing a deal to move to the World Superbike Championship for next season.

The 23-year-old has grabbed the attention of the World Superbike paddock after clocking up 15 wins from 18 races in the British Superbike Championship this season.

The Ashford superbike rider is on the verge of his maiden British championship and has admitted he aims to be racing in the World Superbike Championship next season.

With a dominant display on the Airwaves Yamaha this season, Camier will be a potential target for a number of teams and the Kent rider revealed he is edging closer to agreeing a deal for 2010.

Confident

He told Kent on Sunday: "Now that Ben Spies (Yamaha's top rider) has decided what he is doing for next season I am sure everyone else will know where they will be racing.

"I am going out to the next race in Italy to talk to teams and I'm fairly confident I should have something sorted out by the end of next month."

Although excited by the challenge of racing against the world's best, Camier indicated he would prefer his current GSE Racing team to step up to the World Superbike Championship next season.

Camier said: "To be honest, in an ideal world



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

TARGET: Leon Camier aims to race in the World Superbike Championship series next season

I would like to stay with the GSE team and for them to step up to the World Superbike Championship.

"I really like the team and everyone who works there, but I think that would only happen if the team could find more sponsors."

The team, run by Ashford-born Darrell Healey, have been at the forefront of the British Superbike Championship for the last

12 years. GSE Racing have never competed in a full season of the World Championship, but rumours of a possible switch have increased following their wild card entry to the British round of the series at Donington Park in June this year.

Camier could lift his maiden British Superbike Championship title this afternoon in round 10 of the series at Croft.

Barham putts blame on himself

EUROPEAN Tour golfer Benn Barham has no excuses for his "rubbish" performance this season but remains optimistic of a strong finish to the year to secure his card for next year.

The 33-year-old has struggled for form this year and is in great danger of losing his card for next season.

He is yet to record a top-30 finish in 2009 and is 175th in the Order of Merit rankings, with only the top 115 securing their card for next season.

The Ashford golfer received a much-needed boost last week with a strong performance at the European Masters in Switzerland where he finished with a share of 42nd place.

The modest result was his second highest finish of the season and Barham admits 2009 has been one of his worst as a professional.

He said: "This season has been terrible for me, there are no excuses. The truth is I have been playing rubbish. After a couple of poor rounds at Gleneagles [last month] I decided

to change my swing and it seems to have paid off. Obviously the main objective is to secure my card, but I still want to try and win an event.

"There are still a number of big events remaining this season and plenty of chances to get a couple of top-10 finishes, which should be enough to salvage something from the season."

Barham will be aiming for a strong result when he returns to European Tour action in the Austria Golf Open, which starts on Thursday.

NO EXCUSES: Benn Barham admits he has played poorly but is confident he will retain his place on the European Tour



Hawk downed in Shanghai last 16

BARRY Hawkins made a reasonable start to the snooker season after reaching the last 16 at the Shanghai Masters.

The Dartford potter came within one frame of the quarter-finals, but lost the decider to Ken Doherty.

There was never more than one frame between the players in the second round clash, with Hawkins compiling two half centuries as the opening eight frames were shared.

Hawkins had a chance to pinch the final frame, but a missed pink proved costly and Doherty went on to book his place in the last eight.

The 30-year-old reached the second round in unusual circumstances after his opponent withdrew injured.

World number two Stephen Maguire slipped in the shower at his home in Scotland last week and did not recover in time to be fit enough to play.

Kent's top professional is next in action in Prestatyn, Wales, on September 24, where he needs to win one match to qualify for the main draw of the Grand Prix.



Greece the word for medallist Lisa

LISA Dobriskey will compete in her final track event of the season at the World Athletics Tour Final in Greece this afternoon.

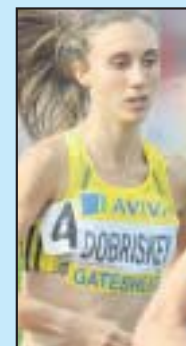
The 1500 metre runner, who picked up a silver medal at the World Athletics Championships last month, has had a remarkable season which has seen her come back from injury to record the fastest times of her career.

The 25-year-old from Ashford heads to

Thessaloniki in a rich vein of form after winning the Rieti Grand Prix in Italy last weekend, beating world champion Maryam Jamal.

A win could lift the Kent runner into the top three in the final standings.

Dobriskey's season will come to a close following the New York Fifth Avenue Mile on September 26.



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FIRST STAGE: Cyclist Kristian House

House takes on strong Tour field

KRISTIAN House will be in the field looking to make an impact as the Tour of Britain gets under way this weekend.

The eight-day race began yesterday with a 172-kilometre stage from Scunthorpe to York. It heads further north today with a ride from Darlington to Newcastle, where the stage will finish on the banks of the River Tyne.

House, who grew up in Canterbury, is part of a strong line-up for the race, which includes eight teams from this year's Tour de France.

As reigning national road racing champion the 29-year-old is one of a number of fancied British riders, along with Bradley Wiggins and Geraint Thomas.

With a good record in the event, including a 13th place overall finish last year, the Rapha Condor rider is relishing the event – especially the final stage in central London next Saturday.

He said: "It's one of the key parts of the year. You'll have a tour at the start of the year, the nationals are a big thing and then it's the Tour of Britain."

"The organisers have done a good job to get it in London on a Saturday and in the areas it is. It's a long course compared to last year and everyone will want to race it, it won't be a procession so I'm looking forward to it."

Log on to www.kentnews.co.uk next week to follow House's progress.

Cyclist hits peak fitness for medal

CYCLIST Debbie Burton (pictured) has won a silver medal at the World Masters Mountain Bike Championships at Pra Loup in the France.

Burton, 50, finished second behind France's Emmanuelle Meissner in the 50 and over category, after three laps of a gruelling Alpine circuit.

Burton's family paid for her entry as a 50th birthday present, but the build-up was affected by mechanical mishaps, conjunctivitis and confusion over the rules.

Organisers insisted the over-50s women should compete three laps of the course, the same distance covered by riders 20 years younger.

"It seemed unfair as the older men got two laps less than the younger men," Burton said.

Her initial reaction was that three laps would be impossible, but despite having to push on the tougher sections of the final lap, she managed to hold second place.

"I was never going to catch the French girl but didn't realise how close the American was, I was knackered," she admitted, after seeing Ellen Guthrie close in on her on the final lap.



Gills holding for Dickson

Pictures: ADY KERRY

CHRIS Dickson is just one phone call away from joining Gillingham, according to Priestfield boss Mark Stimson, writes David Pritchard.

The Gills believe they are on the verge of agreeing a loan deal with Charlton Athletic for the 24-year-old striker. After failing to agree a permanent switch before the transfer window closed on September 1, they made another approach when the loan window opened on Tuesday.

Under Football League rules, clubs can bring players in on loan outside of transfer windows for a maximum of 93 days. Stimson is increasingly optimistic of sealing the deal, with the two clubs believed to be haggling over the finer details.

Speaking before yesterday's game against Millwall, the Gills boss said: "It's a phone call. You just don't know, it could happen as quickly as that."

"It's a 93-day loan we'd like to take, they're talking about maybe having after 28 days the option of a call-back. We're just trying to discuss that and see if it benefits both parties."

If the Addicks include a call-back clause they would have the right to end the deal with only 24-hours notice after the first month.

Dickson is yet to feature for the League One leaders this season and is reportedly keen to return to Priestfield, where he scored 11 goals in 14 games during a previous loan spell two seasons ago.

Stimson admitted the threat of a call-back would not be ideal, but feels it would be preferable to no deal at all.

He said: "I'm willing to take that gamble but obviously the boy doesn't really want to do that because he might go back and not be used."

"If there's a chance of him coming for a short period of time I would take that because I think he would help the team."

For the first time both clubs appear to be moving towards agreement.

Gillingham loaned out Andy Pugh to Dover this week to help make some room in their wage budget, while Charlton have been linked with a number of strikers who would push Dickson further down the pecking order.



LOAN DEAL: Mark Stimson wants to sign Chris Dickson to bolster Gills' attack



Chairman calls on supporters to raise funds for auction bid

By TOM HOWARD

EBBSFLEET United are encouraging supporters to contribute towards a bid to purchase Stonebridge Road.

The north Kent club have played at the ground in Northfleet for 62 years, but could face an uncertain future with the stadium put up for auction by landlord Land Securities.

The Stonebridge Road site is due to go under the hammer on September 21.

The move has prompted the Blue Square Premier League club, who operate at the ground via a lease from Land Securities, to launch a project to buy it themselves.

The club are protected by a 20-year lease which was agreed in 2005, but there is a possibility the potential new owners could refuse to work with the football club, leaving Fleet homeless.

Duncan Holt, Fleet chairman and joint trustee of the project, is hoping the idea will capture the imaginations of fans and people from Kent, although he admitted to feeling anxious about the auction.



Pictures: EUFC

BID: Fleet chairman Duncan Holt is a trustee of project to buy Stonebridge Road

He told Kent on Sunday: "We are giving the supporters a chance to help secure the club's future."

"We have 16 years left on the lease, but in order to make sure we can keep playing at Stonebridge Road we need to buy the ground. I for one am pretty nervous about the bid as

you never know quite how these things will turn out."

Stonebridge Road has been given a guide price of £380,000-420,000, but Fleet estimate it could rise as high as £600,000.

The club have been working on the plans for several weeks and have so far raised approximately £300,000 in pledges from fans.

Jessica McQueen, fellow trustee and head of supporters' group Fleet Trust, has been encouraged by the response and is confident about the bid.

She said: "It is hugely encouraging to see the amount of people who have pledged to the project."

"We only need to get a deposit ready before the auction, which is 10 per cent of the asking price. I think there will be no problem in raising the funds needed."

The scheme is the latest measure following a rejection of plans to build a new stadium on the A2 corridor by Gravesham Borough and Kent County Council last month.

The £25,000 received from Bristol City last month as part of striker John Akinde's move from Stonebridge Road will not be used in the bid.

Log on to www.ebbsfleetunited.co.uk for information on how to get involved.

'Speculation is nothing new but my aim is to win Kent promotion'

Kent skipper plays down Surrey rumours



OPPORTUNITY: Alex Blake is one of Kent's up and coming players **Picture:** ANTHONY ROBERTS

Youngsters get chance to impress

KENT will give their young players a final chance to impress before the club make the final decision on who will get contracts for next season.

A combination of injuries and international call-ups to the first team has seen a number of talented prospects given a chance this season.

The club have also opted to field a largely experimental line-up in the Pro40 competition, which ends after this season. Players such as Sam Northeast, Alex Blake, Matt Coles and Paul Dixey – all 21 or under – have been regulars in a side which tops Pro40's Division Two.

They face Warwickshire at Canterbury this afternoon in their penultimate game in the competition.

Phil Relf, Kent's Academy director, told Kent on Sunday contracts for 2010 are still up in the air.

"There are still a few decisions to be made, although we've pretty much made our mind up over the majority of them," he said. "With two Pro40 games left we're going to see more of the younger players and that gives us a chance to be completely sure about them."

While stressing the importance of not believing the hype after a handful of good displays, Relf is delighted with the way several players have made the step up.

He said: "They've played in front of bigger crowds than they will have done before."

"A couple of games have been on television so that adds a bit of extra pressure, a couple under lights – all of these things are good. They have actually performed well in some tight games."

The players will have an added incentive to impress in the final fortnight of the season, with new head coach Paul Farbrace expected to return from Sri Lanka next week.

REMAINING KENT FIXTURES FOR 2009

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
LV County Championship – Division Two
Kent v Leicestershire – Canterbury

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
LV County Championship – Division Two
Gloucestershire v Kent – Bristol

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
NatWest Pro40 Division Two
Kent v Northamptonshire – Canterbury



with ROB KEY

I AM aware of the speculation which has surrounded my name during the past few weeks – particularly that Surrey might be interested in trying to sign me – but there really is nothing I can say about that at the minute.

Rumours and speculation have always been a part of county cricket, so this sort of thing is nothing new. I am under contract with Kent and fully committed to what we are trying to achieve.

My whole focus at the moment is on trying to make sure that we win promotion back to Division One of the County Championship because there is no way that a county like Kent should be in the second division.

I am taking nothing for granted until it is mathematically certain that we are up. I remember only too well what happened in the final weeks of last season.

We went from trying to win three competitions to losing in two cup finals and ending up getting relegated when, a fortnight or so earlier, we could even have challenged Durham for the title.

Just like last year, we've found the last few weeks of the season difficult because of wear and tear injuries to our faster bowlers. Our squad is being tested to the full again and players like Simon Cook and Amjad Khan have performed brilliantly in terms of the number of extra overs they have been forced to bowl.

This year, fortunately, we have been able to use the NatWest Pro40 League to blood quite a number of younger players, and they have responded well to this challenge.

Importantly, it has also allowed some of the more senior players to have the odd day off to be at their best during the important Championship run-in.

I have been very pleased, overall, with the way we have responded to the bitter disappointment and frustration of being relegated last season.

We have won a lot of games and, despite the injuries to key bowlers like Robbie Joseph and Ryan McLaren, we have kept going.

Sam Northeast and Alex Blake are two young players who have really enhanced their reputations in recent weeks, which



is excellent news for the immediate future of the club.

Blake has shown he has the shots and the ability to dominate county attacks. Importantly, as with Sam, he has shown he knows how to score runs – how to put an innings together and organise himself at the crease.

Joe Denly's selection for the England one-day squad has also given Sam some additional opportunities to open the innings with myself in Championship cricket.

He will end up playing perhaps 10 or so Championship games this summer which will really go a long way to aiding his development as a first-class cricketer.

It is sometimes difficult to find opportunities for younger players, especially in Championship cricket when the major ambition for this season was to make sure of



Pictures: ADY KERRY

FOCUS: Rob Key says his main aim is to make sure Kent are promoted to Division One, and he praised Amjad Khan for the extra overs he has bowled

promotion. Phil Edwards is another young player who has had Championship experience because of injuries – and done well – while Paul Dixey and James Goodman have benefited from Pro40 exposure.

In the same way Joe Denly learned very quickly from his mistakes and graduated quickly to the international stage, it is vital these young players also use the first team experience to advance their games.

From my perspective, what I always tell the young players is they are not simply there to make up the numbers; they must approach games with the belief and the desire to help win games for Kent.

As for my own cricket, I was pleased last week – during the Championship match against Middlesex at Uxbridge – to pass 1,000 Championship runs for the season. Considering my early-season struggle for runs, it has been a good effort.

I was disappointed indeed not to win selection for the final Ashes Test at the Oval, especially given the big media push for my inclusion and because I have been batting well, but national selector Geoff Miller has simply told me that I just have to keep on scoring runs.

The winter tour squad for South Africa is announced at the end of this month, and if England want to take a third opener as part of their batting strength then I would hope to have a good chance of winning that place.

• **Rob Key, the Kent captain and former England batsman, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.**

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F1 HOPEFULS SET FOR TESTING TIME

Duo to make move for dream drive as championship grid expands

By **TOM HOWARD**

TWO Kent drivers are hoping stints as test drivers will make them serious contenders for one of six new drives in Formula One next season.

With three new teams joining the championship next year, it will be the biggest grid for 15 years, meaning more opportunities than usual.

The motorsport governing body, the FIA, announced in June that newly-formed teams Manor F1, Campos F1 and USF1 will all have a place on the 2010 grid.

Bromley's Gary Paffett and Sevenoaks' Mike Conway have been linked to Formula One seats in the past. The expanded field has given both renewed hope of breaking into the pinnacle of motor racing by taking one of the new seats.

Paffett was heavily linked with a drive for Force India this season. He will almost certainly be considered by the new teams after four years as a test driver at McLaren, when he played a role in developing the car which took Lewis Hamilton to the 2008 drivers' title.

The 28-year-old told Kent on Sunday he is actively looking into Formula One opportunities for next season.

"It is every driver's dream to be racing in Formula One," he said. "I've been testing for McLaren for a number of years now and that is



ACID TEST: Mike Conway (above) and Gary Paffett (below) hope to stake a claim for Formula One places after three new teams entered the race for next year's championship Paffett: McLAREN

going very well. I have enjoyed helping the team and Lewis winning the world championship.

"Obviously with the opportunities available for next season we are going to be looking into what we can do. If I am honest it would have to be something special to take me away from McLaren."

Conway is another driver likely to be linked to the new teams. The 25-year-old has been on the fringes of Formula One for some time and spent two years as Honda's test driver alongside this year's championship leader Jenson Button.

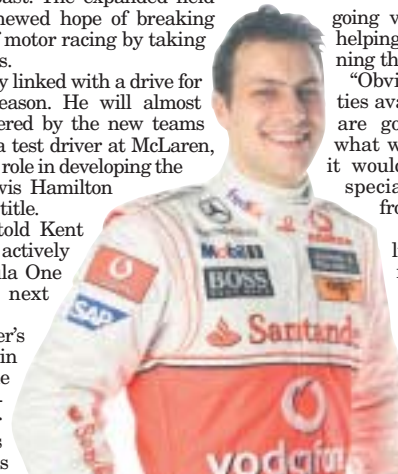
Conway has been plying his trade in

Indycar, America's premier single-seater series, this season. Despite a slow start to the year, he has shown glimpses of genuine pace, including a third place finish at the Grand Prix of Sonoma in California last month.

But although the chances of a drive in Formula One have increased for Conway next season, the former British Formula 3 champion is not confident he will be on the F1 grid for 2010.

He said: "As far as next year goes we are working on it and Indycar is where I want to be. I know there are Formula One slots opening up at the moment, but to be honest I don't think it's realistic for me to deserve a seat there right now. Obviously if something came up I would jump at the chance, but I can't see it happening."

The pair will not have long to wait, with teams typically finalising their line-ups by December.



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Look who's Beck in Town

TEDDY Sheringham will come out of retirement next weekend after signing up for Beckenham Town's FA Vase campaign.

The Kent League side have been working on the transfer coup ever since the 43-year-old former England international played a charity game at Town's Eden Park Avenue this summer. Sheringham is friends with Becks chairman Chris McCarthy and secretary Peter Palmer, who told Kent on Sunday everyone at the club was delighted with the news.

"It's the biggest signing, no one at this standard could have signed an England international who could still play at a

decent level," he said. "In May Teddy said he was interested and we eventually got him on the golf course on Tuesday and he signed."

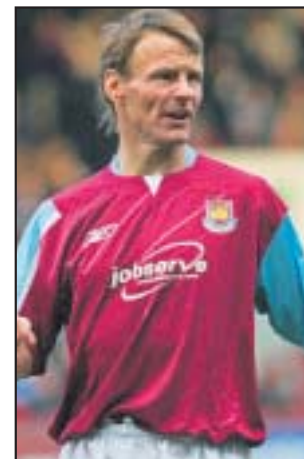
Sheringham, who made more than 900 appearances in a distinguished club career, initially intended to play in Beckenham's first round Vase tie last weekend. He was unavailable due to television commitments, but kept in contact with McCarthy during the 6-1 win against Wealden.

He is expected to train with the squad this week ahead of the second qualifying round tie against Banstead Athletic next Saturday.

Beckenham are hoping Sheringham's first competitive appearance in more than a year will have a lasting legacy.

With an expected attendance seven or eight times their average league gate of 97, the extra money will go towards completing a £25,000, 150-seater stand as part of a plan to make the ground eligible for higher levels of football.

The veteran, who will play for nothing, could make more than a one-off appearance. He has signed up for the club's FA Vase campaign which would be eight more rounds if they got to the Wembley final, while he is also eligible to play in league games.



VETERAN: Teddy Sheringham in his West Ham playing days